

December 24, 1952

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Mr. Bradley R. Taylor
Box 459
Rhinelander, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I have received your letter of December 17, 1952, in which you request background material and a photograph of Inspector Lee R. Pennington for use in conjunction with his speech in your city on February 28, 1953.

It is a real pleasure to cooperate with you, and I do hope the material enclosed is what you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

Biographical sketch of Mr. Pennington

Picture of Mr. Pennington

cc - Milwaukee, with copy of incoming
cc - Mr. Pennington, with copy of incoming

NOTE: By letter of Dec 22-52, Mr. Taylor was advised that Mr. Pennington would make this address in Rhinelander on 2-28-53.

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NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

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Rhinelanders Wisconsin
December 17 1952

Public Relations Department.,
Department of Justice
Washington D C.

Gentlemen:

Mr Lee Pennington of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has consented to address a group of Veterans in this city some time in February of the coming year. His talk will be on "Americanism". Our Veterans Chow is an annual event where the Veterans, regardless of any Veterans Organization that they might belong to, get together for an address by an outstanding speaker of national reputation.

We would like to have, if you can furnish us with it, a complete story of the back ground of Mr Pennington. We also would like cuts for use in our newspapers. If there are any stories about Mr Pennington and some of the cases that he has been on that can be used, we would like this information. We appreciate the fact that there are certain things that he can not talk about, but with the subject so broad as " Americanism" we are sure that the talk will be well received by the 550 that we will have at this meeting.

If you can send us this material we will be more than glad to send you any newsreleases that we make on Mr Pennington for your files. Thanking you we are

Yours very truly
Bradley R Taylor
Bradley R Taylor, Chairman
Box 459 Rhinelanders Wisconsin

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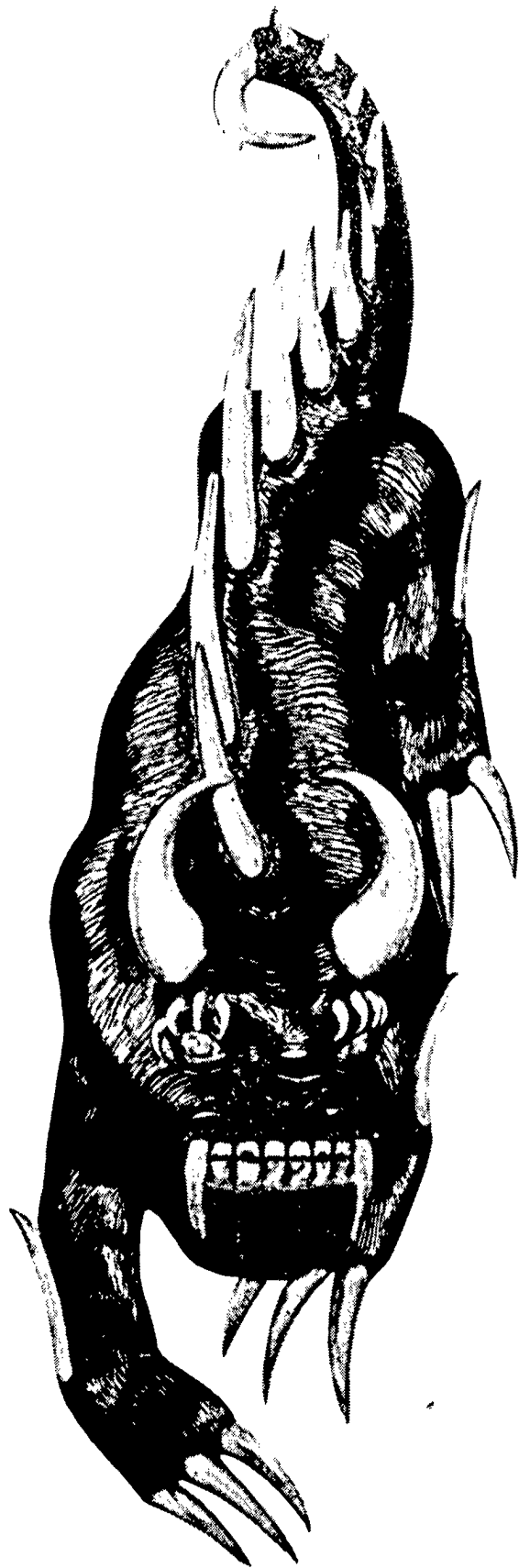
And —as its humorous creator would wish it to be — the Hodag is your sign of a friendly invitation to the northwoods.



The publication of this story of The Hodag was made possible thru the cooperation of the following public-spirited business people.

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RHINELANDER

"Home of the Hodag"

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The Hodag Story

Welcome to Rhinelander and meet "The Black Hodag."

You may travel anywhere in the world, but you will find no other city that can boast of the Hodag — the strangest animal ever known to man and the product of the fertile, fun-loving imagination of Eugene "Gene" Shepard, Rhinelander pioneer and timber cruiser.

The Hodag appeared to the world in 1896 when Gene Shepard snapped a photograph of the ferocious beast during one of his northwoods treks. This photograph, copies of which are still possessed by Rhinelander's first families, caught the Hodag astride a white pine log in the act of springing at Shepard.

The now-famous snapshot reveals a black, hairy animal seven feet in length and 30 inches tall. Like some prehistoric monster, it is armed with 12 horns along the backbone, a pair of horns on its head, tusks and wicked-looking claws and a 10-inch spike at the end of a stocky tail.

More startling than the photograph was Shepard's announcement that he would capture the beast alive — and he did with the help of northern Wisconsin's bravest lumberjacks.

According to legend, the Hodag was sealed in its cave by boulders. Only a small opening was allowed into which the lumberjacks inserted a chloroform-soaked sponge tied to the end of a 30-foot bamboo pole. Put to sleep, the 300-pound Hodag was tied securely, tossed aboard a logging sleigh and lugged by oxen to Rhinelander. At Shepards' house, still standing in The Pines on the city's south side, a pit was dug to house the animal.

The fame of the Hodag spread far, especially when it was exhibited from 1900 to 1903 at the Marathon, Langlade, Lincoln and Oneida county fairs. Shepard constantly kept the Hodag's fearsome reputation alive with his tales of the animal's habits, such as it being fond of devouring white bulldogs in one gulp.

Shepard also had the knack of mimicking what he described as the cry of the Hodag — an eerie, spine-chilling sound. Only "old Shep" was capable of such a noise, and it was heard last in 1908 when he uttered the cry during the Republican Convention in Milwaukee. It is said that most of the frightened delegates beat a hasty retreat from Convention Hall.

Finally, Shepard had to admit the Hodag a gigantic hoax when famed scientists and naturalists came to Rhinelander to view the beast. Shepard even had the Smithsonian Institute buffaloed for a time.

It seems the Hodag had been shaped by a skilled woodcarver. Bull horns were the Hodag's spikes and horns, the eyebrows were bear claws, steel rods bent by a lumberjack blacksmith formed the paws and selected ox hides were stretched for the Hodag's skin.

In 1908 the original Hodag was consumed by fire when Shepard's summer resort on Ballard Lake in Vilas County, known as "The House of Good Shepard," burned. But so real has the Hodag become to us in Rhinelander that it is believed the monster will re-appear every 50 to 60 years. That means it will be seen any day now by resident or tourist in the dense woods of this summer playground.

Gene Shepard died in 1923 at the age of 69. Although a quarter century has passed since his death, Shepard is remembered still, for he left behind the tale of the Hodag as his legacy.

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THE AMERICAN LEGIC

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

1608 K STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

PHONE:
EXECUTIVE 4811

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Rhinelander Wisconsin
December 18 1952

Mr Lee Pennington.
Department of Justice
Washington D C.

Dear Lee:

Since my letter of the other day we have had a post meeting and it is the opinion of the group that the best day for our Veterans Chow would be on the 21st of February. If you can make it on this date, it would be more than fine.

We are set up to have a Home Show early in March and we do not want to get too many things going at one time, and if you can make it on this date, I assure you that you; that you will have a fine time and that we will learn from your speech.

With kindest of regards I am

Most sincerely

Brad
Bradley R Taylor

BRAD TAYLOR

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'Veteran Chow' Planned for 1953 By Legion Post

Ed Pecore, commander of the Dahlberg-Makris post of the American Legion, announced today the post's Americanism committee again is planning to sponsor a "Veteran Chow" here in February, with the hope it can make the second annual event as successful as the first program.

The affair, consisting of a low-cost "army style" dinner, special music and nationally known speaker, is open only to those who have served or are serving in the uniform of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard. Membership in a veterans' organization is not necessary.

As last year, the dinner will be prepared and served by members of Co. B, 127th Infantry Regiment, 32nd Infantry Division, and all proceeds will go into that unit's mess fund.

No Date Set Yet

Last year a capacity crowd attended the first event, which featured U. S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy and Judge Robert Wright of Ironwood, Mich., as speakers. McCarthy's appearance brought wide spread publicity about the event, especially when labor unions here published a large advertisement criticizing Wisconsin's junior senator.

The 1953 speakers have not been announced because details concerning their appearance still are incomplete. The names of the speakers and the date of the program will be announced within a few weeks, however, and tickets will be placed on sale about Jan. 1, it was explained.

Speakers for the 1953 event will stress "Americanism," again, Pecore said. McCarthy and Judge Wright spoke on that subject at the 1952 program.

Members of the Americanism committee who are in charge of the event again are William G. Rowe, chairman, Douglas Monahan, C. J. Wesley and James Williams.

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VETERANS FOR O'KONSKI
COMMITTEE

BRADLEY TAYLOR, Chairman
Rhinelander, Wisconsin

CARL BONG, Vice-Chairman
M.E. BRANDT JR, Sec-Treas.

The following is a tabulation and comparison of votes cast in the TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT of Wisconsin in the GENERAL ELECTION November 4, 1952 for the Candidates indicated:

| COUNTY | PRESIDENT OF U.S.A. Dwight D. EISENHOWER | GOVERNOR OF WISCONSIN Walter J. KOHLER, JR. | U.S. SENATOR Joseph R. McCARTHY | U.S. CONGRESSMAN ALVIN E. O'KONSKI |
|----------|---|--|--|---|
| ASHLAND | 4,401 | 4,732 | 4,202 | 5,106 |
| BAYFIELD | 3,420 | 3,808 | 3,370 | 3,972 |
| BURNETT | 2,683 | 2,869 | 2,499 | 3,852 |
| DOUGLAS | 9,677 | 10,839 | 8,240 | 11,528 |
| IRON | 1,636 | 1,809 | 1,676 | 1,965 |
| LINCOLN | 6,824 | 7,107 | 6,108 | 7,640 |
| ONEIDA | 6,225 | 6,509 | 5,844 | 6,779 |
| POLK | 6,971 | 7,770 | 6,766 | 7,412 |
| PRICE | 4,379 | 4,889 | 4,361 | 5,267 |
| RUSK | 4,208 | 4,918 | 3,891 | 4,785 |
| SANTYER | 3,145 | 3,469 | 3,123 | 3,523 |
| TAYLOR | 4,902 | 5,348 | 4,621 | 5,437 |
| VILAS | 3,687 | 3,892 | 3,597 | 3,795 |
| WASHBURN | 3,222 | 3,498 | 3,149 | 3,751 |
| TOTALS: | 65,380 | 71,457 | 61,447 | 74,812 |

O'KONSKI AHEAD of EISENHOWER 9,432 Votes

O'KONSKI AHEAD of KOHLER

O'KONSKI AHEAD of McCARTHY

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Mr. Bradley R. Taylor
Chairman
Department of Wisconsin
The American Legion
794 North Jefferson Street
Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I have received your letter of December 29, 1952, with enclosures, and Inspector Pennington has brought to my attention your letter to him dated December 18, 1952.

In your letter to Mr. Pennington, you advised that the date of February 21, 1953, for your Veterans Chow would be preferable. I have discussed this matter with Mr. Pennington and he has informed me that he will be able to adjust his schedule to be with you on the twenty-first.

With reference to your request for information regarding cases that Inspector Pennington has worked on, I regret that it is not possible for me, as a matter of policy, to make this information available to you. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy.

I thought you might like to know, however, that Mr. Pennington has been with the FBI since May 6, 1929, and has served as a Special Agent in our offices at Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, and Los Angeles. In addition, he was Assistant Special Agent in Charge of our Washington Field Office prior to being assigned to our headquarters, during his assignments in

Milwaukee, with copy of both incoming and outgoing. (See Note on second page)

- Tolson
- Ladd
- Nichols
- Belmont
- Mohr
- Glavin
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Inspector Lee R. Pennington, with copy of both incoming and outgoing. (See Note on second page)

Mr. Bradley R. Taylor

January 7, 1959

various parts of the country, Mr. Pennington has conducted a number of major investigations of national scope and, in his present capacity here at our headquarters, is responsible for the supervision of all accounting, fraud, and Selective Service investigations handled by this Bureau, as well as various civil inquiries coming within the area of our responsibility.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Address per previous correspondence.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

ARTHUR E. SUMMERFIELD, CHAIRMAN

VETERANS CAMPAIGN DIVISION

FRANK C. HILTON, CHAIRMAN

HARRY W. COLMERY, CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

BRADLEY R. TAYLOR, ASSISTANT CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

Rhineland Wisconsin

December 29 1952

American Legion, NATIONAL

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover.,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D C.

Dear Mr Hoover:

When I wrote to the public relations section of your department, I certainly did not expect to hear from you. I am flattered and I know that Lee will be to know that you take such interest in our programs here in the north.

To give you the back ground our Veterans Chow is an event that we hold once a year. It is not for the American Legion or any service group--it is a meeting and dinner for any and all veterans, either in uniform or out--but they must have been in the military. The talk is on Americanism only and stresses the story that the United States is a very fine country to live in. Last year we had Senator Joe Mc Carthy as our speaker. I know that Lee will do as well in spite of the fact that he is not running for office.

In the back ground material that you sent to me it stresses the Legion back ground of Lee--we don't want to make this too much Legion for we are interested in all Veterans. Would it be out of line to give us a few cases that Lee has been in for back ground? We appreciate the fact that he can not talk about Commies at the present time, but it might be interesting to have some publicity on one or two of the bank cases that he has been in. We can not put on a meeting of this sort unless we fill the hall and that takes some 500 people. If we get them in we can give them the Americanism program--but the FBI must have a story or so that is not primarily Americanism. If you could let us have a story or so of this kind it would be more than appreciated. All releases will be mailed back to your department and they will be in keeping with your policy on the Department.

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I also enclose you a tally sheet of the recent election that we had in this district. You have had some kind remarks to say about our Congressman, ALVIN O'KONSKI in the past and it is interesting to see what a Veterans Group can do when they are organized. This is the 5th campaign that we have had for this congressman and it seems to work out rather well.

We certainly do appreciate your personal interest in our program, Mr Hoover, and we do hope that you can let us have a few stories that would give your department the publicity that it deserves and the kind that it wants at this time.

Wishing you every success in the years ahead, I am

Most sincerely


Bradley R Taylor.

Member, National Legislative Commission
The American Legion.

January 7, 1953

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Mr. Carl Granning
Adjutant
Department of Minnesota
The American Legion
600 Shubert Building
St. Paul 2, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Granning:

Your letter of January 2, 1953, with enclosure, has been received, and I want you to know that all of us in the FBI are deeply grateful for the many kind comments expressed in the Resolution concerning this Bureau which was adopted at the Thirty-fourth Annual Convention of The American Legion, Department of Minnesota.

It is our constant endeavor to protect, within our jurisdiction, each and every person in the United States, and expressions of confidence such as this Resolution are extremely reassuring to us. We only hope that our efforts will at all times meet with public approval.

If it will be convenient for you to do so, I hope you will convey to the other members of The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, the heartfelt appreciation of all FBI personnel for this Resolution and pledge of continued support.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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cc. Minneapolis

ATTENTION SAC: Correspondent's letter enclosed a resolution adopted by The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, which highly commended the Bureau and its Director.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
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January 2, 1953

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed please find copy of a resolution adopted by
our Convention of The American Legion, Department of
Minnesota, which is self-explanatory. NATIONAL

The writer is indeed happy to transmit a copy of
same for your information, in accordance with the
resolving clause.

Very truly yours,

Carl Granning
CARL GRANNING
Department Adjutant

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, assembled for its 34th Annual Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 14 to 16 inclusive, 1952, has been for many years past cognizant and aware of the menace of Communism, at home and abroad; AND:

WHEREAS, the first and most important line of defense against this dark menace has been held historically and under law, by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, its entire personnel, and more particularly and specifically its Director, J. Edgar Hoover; AND:

WHEREAS, all of the delegates of the Department of Minnesota, as veterans, are aware of and appreciative of the honesty, perseverance, diligence and integrity of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover, who, while engaged in fighting this subversive and skillful enemy of Americanism, has never wavered from, nor permitted the FBI to vary from that basic American Concept of law enforcement by insisting, first, that every citizen must take democratic government seriously and match Communist fanaticism by American zeal; second, by demanding that Federal law enforcement maintain its proper place in its counter-subversive operations, as a companion of the local police official instead of a superior force, thereby avoiding the establishment of a national police organization. For these reasons we hereby renew our pledge of continued support to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and will cooperate in every manner possible whenever called upon in its efforts to defeat the Communists and maintain Americanism;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the American Legion, Department of Minnesota, in convention assembled, that this Department, without qualification or reservation, endorses, commends, and declares its absolute confidence in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in its entirety, and specifically in its Director, J. Edgar Hoover, for the magnificent work performed by his organization in combating Communism and fostering Americanism;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be enrolled and presented to the National Convention of the American Legion at New York, New York, for passage and approval;

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution, signed by the Department Commander, The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, and attested by the Department Adjutant, be sent to J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, ~~and a further copy be sent to His Excellency Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, and a further copy to the Honorable James P. McGranery, Attorney General of the United States of America.~~

Adopted by the Convention.

MILTON G. BOOCK,
Department Commander

Attest:

Carl Granning,
Department Adjutant

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January 16, 1953

EX. - 107

Mr. Thomas E. Paradine
Chairman
National Security Commission
The American Legion
Post Office Box 1055
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Dear Mr. Paradine:

I have received your letter of January 15, 1953, in which you extend an invitation for me to speak before the National Security Commission of The American Legion on January 26, 1953, here in Washington.

Although I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me to do this, a prior commitment will preclude my being present. I sincerely regret this for I am certain I would enjoy meeting with you a great deal.

You have my best wishes for a highly successful conference.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Indianapolis, with a copy ^{incoming}

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

January 13, 1953

IN REPLY REFER TO DATE AND NO. 3481-34

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The National Security Commission of The American Legion - NATIONAL
will conduct a three-day meeting in our Washington office, 1608 K St.,
N. W., January 25 to 27, 1953.

I would consider it an honor if you would accept an invitation to speak to the Commission and discuss with them some of the responsibilities that can be assumed by citizens in the event of a national emergency. I think particularly of interest to the Commission would be the job of detecting saboteurs, subversives or spies whose efforts in all probability would be coordinated in the event of war with a hostile nation.

I have tentatively scheduled your appearance for 10:40 a. m., January 26, 1953. Our program has been set up to allow ten minutes for your formal presentation, following which William Todd, Chairman of our Law and Order Committee, will accept written questions from members of the Commission. While I have endeavored to give you some brief idea of what might be of interest to our group, feel free to discuss any subject in which citizen responsibility would play an integral part.

Would you please furnish a brief synopsis of your formal presentation, which can be used in preparing a report of this meeting?

I trust that your schedule will permit you to meet with the Commission on this occasion as the information which you can make available will contribute much toward the success of these meetings.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. PARADINE, Chairman
National Security Commission

Tom PARADINE

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Glavin

DATE: February 4, 1953

FROM : H. L. Edwards *HL*SUBJECT: ~~VETERANS IN CONGRESS~~

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For your information, there are 62 veterans in the Senate and 239 in the House; many of them served in both World War I and World War II.

It is also of interest that 60 of the 62 veterans in the Senate are members of the American Legion and 224 of the 239 veterans in the House are members of the American Legion. — The Legion is understood to be attempting to persuade the few non-members to join.

This is submitted for information purposes and as of possible interest to the Director.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

March 4, 1953

I talked to Mr. Pennington and he is suggesting in an appropriate manner to the Adjutant of the American Legion, who saw you this morning, that he clear anything that he writes regarding his discussion with you with Pennington. Pennington stated he could easily do this and would get the material so that it can be reviewed prior to publication to be sure nothing is in there that is undesirable.

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AMERICAN LEGION - NATIONAL

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON ✓

DATE: 2/10/53

FROM : W. R. GLAVIN ✓

SUBJECT: 0 AMERICAN LEGION FILES (K5)

There is attached a tabulation showing the status of American Legion files as of January 31, 1953, as to new files made up during the month, files in which contacts were completed during the month, and files in which additional contacts are needed.

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TABULATION SHOWING STATUS
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AS OF JANUARY 31, 1953

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| Albany | 17 | 25 | 35 |
| Albuquerque | 0 | 8 | 10 |
| Anchorage | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Atlanta | 0 | 14 | 60 |
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| Birmingham | 2 | 18 | 35 |
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| <u>OFFICE</u> | <u>NEW FILES MADE UP DURING MONTH</u> | <u>FILES IN WHICH ALL NECESSARY CONTACTS COMPLETED DURING MONTH</u> | <u>FILES IN WHICH ADDITIONAL CONTACTS NEEDED</u> |
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols *not*
 FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*
 SUBJECT: IRVIN L. COWGER
 TOPEKA, KANSAS

DATE: March 3, 1953

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This morning I spoke briefly at the American Legion - National Rehabilitation Conference at the Statler Hotel and met Irvin L. Cowger, Department Adjutant, The American Legion, Topeka, Kansas. You will recall I prepared a memorandum on February 19, 1953, concerning his desire to speak briefly with Mr. Hoover. At the time I was talking with him this morning there was present Mat Monaghan, Department Adjutant, New Orleans, Louisiana, and both indicated that they had nothing particularly on their minds, but would like to just shake hands with Mr. Hoover on March 4, 1953.

You may recall several years ago the Director wanted some information in a hurry from New Orleans concerning Huey Long organization and Monaghan was the man who secured the information and made it possible for me to have a memorandum on Mr. Hoover's desk within an hour of the time I made the call to New Orleans.

Both of these Department Adjutants are ardent admirers of Mr. Hoover and if there is any way possible that the two can briefly see him I would like to be able to inform them if it would be possible for Mr. Hoover to see them on March 4th.

LRP:DC

*all at 10.30 a.m.
 Mar. 4.*

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Pennington adv. He will have them in D.O. by 3-3.
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March 10, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. NICHOLS

On March 4, 1953, I saw Mr. Irvin L. Cowger, Adjutant of the Kansas Department of the American Legion, *USA, DL* and Mr. Mat Monaghan, Department Adjutant of New Orleans, Louisiana. They were accompanied to my office by Inspector Pennington. I took occasion to express to these gentlemen the appreciation of the Bureau for the excellent cooperation extended to us by the American Legion. *USA, DL* We had some general discussion about the matter of subversive activities. Mr. Cowger indicated that he would probably write an editorial upon this matter and I suggested to Mr. Pennington that he have Mr. Cowger submit it to him before publication in order that it could be checked as to any comments which I may have made.

Very truly yours,

J E H
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: March 27, 1953

FROM : Mr. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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Mr. Marcus R. Martin called at the Bureau at 12:45 p.m. March 26, 1953, and talked to Crosby.

Mr. Martin advised he is a past Vice Commander of Post 67 of The American Legion, is active in Legion affairs and was calling at the Bureau to determine if it would be possible for the Director to make the award to this year's winner of the Washington Soap Box Derby. Mr. Martin advised the Soap Box Derby is sponsored jointly by The American Legion and the Washington Star. The presentation of the medal to the winner of this Soap Box Derby will be made on Saturday, July 11, 1953, at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Martin stated the Director would be expected only to present the medal and make a few short remarks to the numerous contestants and their parents and friends.

In describing the Derby, Mr. Martin stated the local winner represents the District at the Annual National Soap Box Derby in Indianapolis, the winner of which receives a \$5,000 scholarship. Last year the presentation to the local winner was made by District Commissioner Renah Camalier. The course is on Pennsylvania Avenue, Southeast, at approximately Alabama Avenue.

Crosby advised Mr. Martin that he knew the Director would be delighted to do this if it were at all possible for him to work it in. He also advised Mr. Martin that the Director's schedule is extremely heavy at this time, and he did not want to give him any encouragement but advised that the Director would communicate with him in the very near future.

A communication to Mr. Martin declining the invitation is attached for your approval. C

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cc - Mr. Jones

cc - Mr. Holloman

FEC:grs

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *L*

DATE: March 25, 1953

FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*SUBJECT: *AMERICAN*

I have been advised by the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana, that the National Oratorical Contest held all over the United States will be brought to a conclusion in April, 1953. The regional eliminations covering several nearby states will be held at Roosevelt High School, Washington, D. C., 9:30 A.M. April 15, 1953. I have been requested by National Headquarters to handle the regional contest on April 15, 1953, and have informed them I would do so.

For your information I have previously handled this matter several times before at Martinsburg, West Virginia.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

May 27, 1953
8992-49

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of May 25 regarding the material requested by Inspector Lee Pennington.

You undoubtedly realize how much The American Legion appreciates your cooperation in this matter, and I assure you the material will be given wide and useful distribution.

Last year at our Department conventions we found this type of material to be very beneficial and probably the most widely read of any material distributed.

Again, thank you for this fine cooperation and if we can ever be of assistance to you, don't hesitate to ask us.

Sincerely,

Allen B. Willand
ALLEN B. WILLAND, Director
National Americanism Commission

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MAY 29 1953

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AMERICAN LEGION REQUEST
FOR BUREAU PUBLICATION
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Reurlet June 1, 1953, requesting copies of my statement of July 26, 1950, for Captain William Browne to be used in connection with the American Legion State Convention which begins June 17, 1953.

With reference to your request, the Bureau does not have 500 copies of the reprint you desire immediately available. Additional copies are being printed, however, and will be forwarded to your office in about five days.

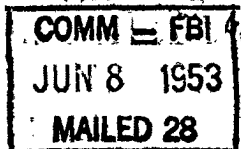
cc - Mr. M. A. Jones
UNDER SEPARATE COVER

500 copies of Director's Statement 7-26-50

NOTE: Supply Room advised that it did not have 500 copies of this reprint available. They advised, however, that additional copies could be printed and that they would be available in about five days.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTENTION INSPECTOR JOHN McGUIRE)

DATE: June 1, 1953

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION REQUEST
FOR BUREAU PUBLICATION

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| Mr. Hendon | _____ |
| Mr. Pennington | _____ |
| Mr. Quinn | _____ |
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| Tele. Room | _____ |
| Mr. Holloman | _____ |
| Mr. Sizoo | _____ |
| Mr. Gandy | _____ |

Captain WILLIAM BROWNE, Chief of Detectives, Portland Police Department, and active in American Legion Americanism affairs in this area, called me on the above date and advised that at the American Legion State Convention starting June 17 there will be a forum on Communism; that various prominent citizens and religious leaders are appearing before the convention to discuss the matter of Communism. Captain BROWNE stated he desired to have a Bureau publication of some sort to pass out to the members of the convention to inform them what they can best do to assist the FBI in combating Communism.

I called Captain BROWNE's attention to the Director's Statement dated July 26, 1950, which was circularized in connection with the statement of President TRUMAN dated July 24, 1950, restating the Bureau's responsibilities in the security program. Captain BROWNE advised that the Director's Statement referred to above is exactly what he desired and requested 500 copies to be distributed to the American Legion representatives at the state convention.

It is requested that, if the Bureau has the number of copies of this statement available which Captain BROWNE requests, they be transmitted to me as quickly as possible so they may be distributed at the American Legion State Convention.

For the Bureau's information, I am attaching one copy of the statement I refer to above.

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Attachment
AIRMAIL

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Memorandum to Portland
6-5-53
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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

July 26, 1950

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. _____

STATEMENT OF J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

The internal security of the United States can be assured with the cooperation, aid and assistance of every law-abiding person in our Nation. The President of the United States in restating the responsibilities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has called upon all law enforcement officers, patriotic organizations and individuals to report information pertaining to espionage, sabotage and subversive activities to the FBI. Plans have already been made and are in operation whereby the law enforcement agencies of the Nation are working in close cooperation with the FBI.

The following suggestions are being made to assist patriotic organizations and individuals in complying with the President's request:

1. The FBI is as near to you as your telephone. The first page of every telephone book in the country lists the nearest office of the FBI. You can communicate with the FBI by telephone, letter or call at our nearest office.
2. Feel free to furnish all facts in your possession. Many times a small bit of information might furnish the data we are seeking. If you have any information on sabotage, espionage, or subversive activities, contact the FBI.
3. The FBI is interested in receiving facts; we are not interested in what a person thinks but in what he does which undermines our internal security. Avoid reporting malicious gossip or idle rumors.
4. Do not circulate rumors about subversive activities, or draw conclusions from information you furnish the FBI. The data you possess might be incomplete or only partially accurate. By drawing conclusions based on insufficient evidence grave injustices might result to innocent persons.
5. Once you have reported your information to the FBI do not endeavor to make private investigations. This can best be done by trained investigators who have access to data acquired over the years on individuals engaged in subversive activities. Hysteria, witch-hunts and vigilantes weaken internal security. Investigations involving internal security require care and painstaking effort. We all can contribute to our internal security by protecting the innocent as well as by identifying the enemies within our midst. In cases involving espionage it is more important to identify spies, their contacts, sources of information, and methods of communications than to make immediate arrests.
6. Be alert. The greatest defenders against sabotage are the loyal American workmen who are producing the materials and weapons for our defense. They can be the "watch dogs" of defense in every walk of life.
7. The forces which are most anxious to weaken our internal security are not always easy to identify. Communists have been trained in deceit and secretly work toward the day when they hope to replace our American way of life with a Communist dictatorship. They utilize cleverly camouflaged movements, such as some peace groups and civil rights organizations, to achieve their sinister purposes. While they as individuals are difficult to identify, the Communist Party line is clear. Its first concern is the advancement of Soviet Russia and the godless Communist cause. It is important to learn to know the enemies of the American way of life.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: June 8, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

For record purposes, Karl Baarslag of the American Legion stopped by my office Friday afternoon, June 5, advising Mr. McGuire that he was doing a little pamphlet for the All-American Conference on how the Government combats Communism, and in it he was including references to the Bureau, as well as to the Senate Internal Security Committee, the House Committee on Un-American Activities, etc., and he desired to have the Director's interview with U. S. News and World Report, together with copies of any recent speeches the Director had made which were of a public source.

The Director's interview with U. S. News and World Report and copies of the Director's speeches were furnished to him, and Baarslag stated he would work up a draft which he would bring by the Bureau so that we could check it before he submits it for final approval to the All-American Conference.

cc - Mr. Ladd
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Jones

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 15, 1953

2:30 p.m.

Mr. Sylvan King, Department Chairman of the American Legion's Civic Functions, called. He said that he had spoken to Mr. Pennington about the desire of the American Legion in the District of Columbia to present to Mr. Hoover the High Legion Citation, which is a medal and a citation, for Mr. Hoover's contribution, both inspirationally and civically, and for his moral and personal endorsement of worthy drives. He said the Legion would like to make the presentation sometime this month in Mr. Hoover's office with the Legion's Guard of Honor present and would desire to have newspaper photographers also present.

He asked that this be mentioned to Mr. Hoover and Mr. Hoover's desire in the matter ascertained. Mr. King may be reached at NA-8-1023.

Mr. Tolson ☒
Mr. Ladd ☒
Mr. Nichols ☒
Mr. Belmont ☒
Mr. Clegg ☒
Mr. Glavin ☒
Mr. Harbo ☒
Mr. Rosen ☒
Mr. Tracy ☒
Mr. Gearty ☒
Mr. Jones ☒
Mr. Mohr ☒
Mr. Winterrowd ☒
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Mr. Holloman ☒
Mr. Sizoo ☒
Miss Holmes ☒
Miss Gandy ☒

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *SL*

DATE: April 15, 1953

FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*

SUBJECT:

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Mr. Sylvan King, a local businessman whom I believe was in high school with the Director, phoned and stated he is Chairman of the Civic Relations Committee of the District of Columbia Department of the American Legion. Each year this committee awards a silver medal and certificate to some outstanding citizen in the District of Columbia.

Mr. King stated that the Civic Relations Committee desires this year to make the award to the Director for his inspirational and outstanding leadership in the District and throughout the Nation.

He stated that if the Director is willing to accept this medal and certificate he would like to make the presentation sometime this month in the Director's office. The National Guard of Honor of the American Legion and newspaper photographers would be present and if the Director is willing to accept this award Mr. King would personally make the presentation.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: April 16, 1953

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT
HIGH LEGION CITATION OF
CIVIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF
D. C. DEPARTMENT OF AMERICAN LEGION

American Legion - National

SYNOPSIS:

By phone calls on April 15, 1953, to Miss Gandy and Inspector Pennington, Sylvan King, Chairman of Civic Relations Committee of D. C. Department of American Legion, advised that Committee desires to award to Director this year's High Legion Citation. Award presented annually to outstanding citizen in the District. If accepted, King will present award in Director's Office. National Guard of Honor of American Legion and newspaper photographers would be present. Bufiles reflect cordial relations with King and with D. C. Department of American Legion, and no information is revealed which would preclude Director's acceptance of the award.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Director accept this award.

2. That an appropriate time and date be determined for the presentation in Director's Office.

cc - Mr. Nichols

cc - Mr. Holloman

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Memo to Mr. Nichols

April 16, 1953

3. That this information be relayed to Inspector Pennington in order that he may telephonically advise King of complete details.

*make it for 11 A.M. ✓
April 24 if that is convenient
for them.*

DETAILS:

By phone calls on April 15, 1953, to Miss Gandy and Inspector Pennington, Sylvan King, Chairman of Civic Relations Committee of District of Columbia Department of the American Legion, advised that the Committee desires to award to the Director this year's High Legion Citation for his inspirational and outstanding leadership in the District and throughout the nation and for his moral and personal endorsement of worthy drives. Each year, he explained, this award, a medal and citation, is given to some outstanding citizen in the District. King said he would like to make the presentation personally sometime this month in the Director's Office if the Director accepts. The National Guard of Honor of the American Legion and newspaper photographers would be present. Inspector Pennington has advised that he is to call Mr. King, who can be reached at NA 8-1023, to inform him whether the Director will accept the award.

BACKGROUND:

Sylvan King - Summary

Bufiles reflect that King and Director were members of the same high school graduating class, and there have been limited, but cordial, relations with him. In 1937, he and a friend toured the Bureau and were introduced to the Director. In 1943, he requested a Bureau speaker for a meeting of the Office of Civilian Defense in Washington, but request was declined due to short notice. In 1947, while Juvenile Delinquency Officer

Memo to Mr. Nichols

April 16, 1953

of the D. C. Department of American Legion, he invited the Director to participate in a broadcast concerning the American Legion. The Director declined by letter of March 24, 1947, due to prior commitments, and the reply utilized a first-name salutation. On March 23, 1948, the Director wrote him a letter thanking him for sending in a clipping of interest, and first-name salutation was also used. In February, 1950, King requested a tour for some friends which was arranged. (94-40347-1, 2; 94-2-1055; 66-8700-12-42; 94-1-3197-229; 62-91725-2)

Relations with the D. C. Department of the American Legion have been extremely cordial, and no information appears in files which would make it inadvisable for Director to accept the award. (94-1-3197; 62-79822)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: April 20, 1953

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT
HIGH LEGION CITATION OF
CIVIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF
D. C. DEPARTMENT OF AMERICAN LEGION

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BACKGROUND:

On April 15, 1953, Sylvan King, Chairman of Civic Relations Committee of D. C. Department of American Legion, advised that Committee desires to give Director this year's High Legion Citation, an award presented annually to the outstanding citizen in the District. King advised that he would present the award in the Director's Office, if accepted, and that National Guard of Honor of American Legion and newspaper photographers would be present. He desired to present award sometime this month. Bufiles reflected cordial relations with King and with D. C. Department of American Legion. The Director approved recommendation that he accept the award and suggested that it be made at 11:00 a.m. on April 24, if convenient with Committee.

DETAILS:

On afternoon of April 20, 1953, Inspector Pennington telephonically advised King of this time and date. King stated that the Legion had made commitments in the meantime for a Cancer Award and that this was scheduled for the morning of April 24. He requested that the Director, if possible, reschedule acceptance of the High Legion Citation during first week in May.

RECOMMENDATION:

If convenient, that an appropriate time and date be determined for the presentation in Director's Office and that this information be relayed to Inspector Pennington in order that he may telephonically advise King.

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cc - Mr. Nichols

cc - Mr. Holloman

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 above next week. Informal
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *st*
 FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*
 SUBJECT: *0*

DATE: April 27, 1953

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American Legion - National

Mr. Nichols informed me this morning that the Director will accept the solid gold medal presented by the Civic Relations Committee of the District of Columbia Department of the American Legion at 10:30 A.M. on May 11, 1953. I immediately thereafter called Mr. King and advised him of the Director's acceptance.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: April 28, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION PRESENTATION
10:30 A.M., May 11, 1953

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 Sizoo ☒
 Miss Gandy ☒

Sylvan King of the American Legion called me to inquire about the arrangements for the presentation of the award to the Director on May 11, 1953. He inquired whether there would be any objection to letting any Legionnaire come to the Director's Office who desired to come. I explained to Mr. King that it would be preferable if Mr. King were to limit the matter to the officers and to those whom he had originally intended; that if one Legionnaire were permitted to come, then others would come, and the problem of handling the group might get out of all proportion.

He then inquired if it would be permissible to have a newspaper photographer take a picture of the presentation. I told him there would be no objection to this as long as it was limited to still photographers; that it would not be possible to admit newsreels and television groups as there would not be sufficient time.

He then inquired about their color guard. He stated that for ceremonies of this type they ordinarily have the major of the color bearers accompanied by two color bearers, one with the American flag and one with the Legion flag. I told Mr. King that there were two American flags in the Director's Office that could be used; however, he stated their ceremonial did require a color bearer. I told him there would be no objection if they limited it to the major and two standard bearers.

He then inquired about issuing a release on the award. I told him that this was a matter solely up to him.

He stated that following the presentation, a few words in reply would be in order. I told Mr. King that naturally the Director would express his appreciation and respond to the presentation. A short statement will be prepared and submitted within the next few days.

cc: Mr. Holloman
Mr. Jones

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: May 4, 1953

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: National
AMERICAN LEGION CITATION TO BE PRESENTED
DIRECTOR 10:30 A.M., MAY 11, 1953

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You will recall that Mr. Sylvan King, a high school classmate of the Director and the Chairman of the Civic Relations Committee of the District of Columbia American Legion, is going to present the annual High Legion Citation to the Director for his inspirational and outstanding leadership in the District and throughout the Nation.

The Director has accepted and designated May 11, at 10:30 A.M., for the presentation. Mr. King has been advised. On April 28, 1953, Mr. King told you that the presentation party would include two color bearers, the major of the color bearers and at least one news photographer. The Director approved this.

Attached is a suggested statement which the Director might wish to utilize in accepting the Citation.

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ENCLOSURE

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Let me have this
next Friday.

cc - Mr. Jones

cc - Mr. Nichols

cc - Mr. Holloman

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REMARKS BY J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR OF THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, ON THE
OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE HIGH LEGION
CITATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT
OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AT FBI HEADQUARTERS,
MAY 11, 1953

I am deeply honored to have been selected by the
Civic Relations Committee of the District of Columbia
Department of the American Legion to receive the High Legion
Citation for 1953.

We of the FBI know the American Legion and the
principles of unwavering Americanism for which it stands.
The warm association which we have enjoyed with your fine
organization over the years makes this citation for out-
standing citizenship in the District of Columbia all the more
meaningful to me. On behalf of my associates in the FBI who
made possible this recognition, I am gratified to accept the
High Legion Citation for 1953.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

May 7, 1953

4:50 *Mr. King called re the*
Mr. Sylvan King called re the
Legion presentation of the Gold Medal
and certificate on Monday. It will be
held promptly at 10:30 with a few
prominent people present and the
Public Relations head of the National
Organization of the US, Ed McGuiness,
who used to be Sgt.-of-Arms in the
Senate, is coming down with his
photographer for a reprint for the
National Magazine, which has 3 and 1/2 million readers.
Mr. King said he had written a letter to the newspapers
notifying them of the happening and suggesting they
might have their photographers there. Mr. King said
he called Mr. Nichols a few days ago to ask for any
suggestions and Mr. Nichols had none and said to go
right ahead. Mr. King outlined the program as follows:

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Jones _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Winterrowd _____
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Mr. Holloman _____
Mr. Sizoo _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

Promptly at 10:30 Mr. King will make a little speech
and at the last minute he is going to call on Lee Penn-
ington to pin the Gold Medal on and read the certificate,
which is the highest Legion Award available and the
Medal is solid gold. Mr. Pennington does not know
that he is to be called on. Mr. King will make a little
speech saying the medal is being given for Director's
combatting and exposing Communism. Mr. King said
he asked the Post Commander of the FBI to attend if
he would like to come up. They may have the Guard of
Honor there, of which there are 150, but he requested
a Major and 2 color bearers, which would make a good
picture background.

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Mr. King stated the following was something he didn't think was going to happen as he doubted Mr. Hoover wanted it - and he is sure it is dead - but the NBC man was in and wanted to know whether they wanted it televised and Mr. King told them they were not interested, that they simply wanted to make the award and if the National Organization wants to write it up as a story and reprint it, then it goes into the largest magazine circulation in the U.S.

Mr. King stated this was the story on it and if there were any suggestions we might want to make or any changes, we had his number. I thanked him for this information. (Na. 8-1023)

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

May 11, 1953

Mr. Nichols said this will be the
line-up for the 10:30 appointment:

Sylvan King

Robert Bunch, the District Com-
mander who is an employee of the
Treasury Department

Herbert Jacoby, former National
Vice-Commander

Ed McGinnis, National Director of Public Relations
and a former Sergeant-at-Arms of the 80th Congress

L. M. Linton, Special Agent, Commander of the FBI
Post

Inspector Lee Pennington

Gail Judd, who will be in charge of the Standard Bearers

Two (2) Standard Bearers

Presumably there will be two Press Photographers as
Mr. McGinnis told Mr. Nichols they were coming. The
Bureau Photographer will also be here. Mr. Nichols
will come over. Mr. Nichols said in the event there
were any requests from the "Department crowd" he would
be inclined to let them come along, although as yet he
has not received a request.

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June 16, 1953

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Mrs. Rae Ashton
National President
American Legion Auxiliary
777 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Ashton:

I have received your letter dated June 10, 1953, and Inspector Lee R. Pennington has brought to my attention your letter to him of the same date, with enclosures.

It will be a pleasure to show our facilities to the young ladies of Girls Nation at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, August 3, 1953. While the uncertainty of my schedule makes it impossible for me to plan to address the group, Inspector Pennington will be happy to welcome the girls at the time of their visit.

I suggest that you have them enter the Department of Justice Building at the Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue entrance, where one of my representatives will meet them.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Inspector Pennington, with copies of three incoming
cc - Mr. Clegg, with copies of three incoming.
cc - Tour Room, with copies of three incoming.
cc - Mr. Holloman, with copies of three incoming.
Copy The Attorney General with separate cover memorandum.

NOTE: Bufiles reflect that Mr. Tracy conducted Mrs. Ashton through the Exhibit Room on 2-2-37. The American Legion Auxiliary has brought representatives of Girls Nation to the Bureau several times in past years. (see next page)

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Mrs. Rae Ashton

June 16, 1953

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On several occasions Inspector Pennington has made addresses to the girls at the time of their visit. Arrangements have been made with the Training Division for the use of Assembly Room Number One beginning at 9:00 A.M. on 8-3-53. The Tour Room advised that it could have someone meet the group at the Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue entrance at 9:00 A.M. and conduct them directly to the Assembly Room. After the welcome by Mr. Pennington the group will be taken on a tour. The group should be out of the Assembly Room no later than 9:30 A.M. From past experiences, it is believed that the group will number approximately one hundred persons.



① AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
INDIANAPOLIS 7, INDIANA

MRS. RAE ASHTON
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

June 10, 1953

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

The seventh Girls Nation will be conducted by the American Legion Auxiliary at The American University from July 31 to August 6, 1953. One of the features which the girls always particularly enjoy is a visit to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and if it is agreeable with you, we should like to schedule this year's visit for 9 A.M. on Monday, August 3.

As always, we should like so very much to have you meet the girls for at least a brief greeting. Your own message to take back to their schoolmates and communities would mean a great deal. If the press of your duties should make this impossible, however, we hope that you will be good enough to designate Inspector Lee Pennington to receive the girls.

As Inspector Pennington has, in the past, arranged the girls' tour of the Bureau, I am sending him a copy of this letter.

I shall look forward eagerly to an early and favorable reply from you.

With high regard and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Eve Ashton

Eve Ashton

MRS. RAE ASHTON
National President

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
INDIANAPOLIS 7, INDIANA

MRS. RAE ASHTON
 NATIONAL PRESIDENT

June 10, 1953

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Inspector Lee Pennington
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Inspector Pennington:

Assuming that you will again this year, as in the past, lend your good offices in connection with the visit of Girls Nation to the F.B.I. and the Justice Department, I am enclosing copies of my letters to Mr. Hoover and Mr. Brownell.

We should like to have the girls arrive at the Department promptly at 9 A.M. on Monday, August 3, and they must leave not later than 10:30, -if possible by 10:15. I shall appreciate so much your fine assistance in planning a program which will interest the girls and make every moment count.

We are ever grateful to you for the interest you have taken over the years.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Eve Ashton

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 National President

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
INDIANAPOLIS 7, INDIANA

June 10, 1953

The Honorable Herbert Brownell
Attorney General of the United States
Washington 25, D.C.

My dear Mr. Brownell:

The American Legion Auxiliary will conduct its seventh annual Girls Nation in Washington, D.C. from July 31 to August 6, 1953 at The American University. This program brings together two girls from each of the states for a week of observation and study of the Federal Government. They will organize two political parties, hold party conventions for nomination of presidential and vice-presidential candidates, and conduct an election followed by an inauguration ceremony. In addition to daily classes in government, they will also visit the Congress, if in session, and tour the various Departments of government. The girls are chosen for outstanding leadership ability and other qualities of good citizenship from among the more than 12,000 girls who will participate in 48 Girls States earlier in the summer.

It is my desire that these Girls Nation representatives shall meet as many as possible of those who are responsible for the conduct of our government in these stirring and momentous times, and hear from them first-hand about the problems of government and the compensations of service to one's country. I know you would have a vital message for them.

I have asked Mr. Hoover if it will be possible for the girls to visit the Federal Bureau of Investigation at 9 o'clock on Monday morning, August 3 and while they are in the Justice Building I hope very much that you will find it convenient to receive them for a short talk and perhaps some questions and answers. I am sending copies of this letter to Mr. Hoover and Inspector Pennington of the Bureau and shall be glad to have you work out with them the details of the program.

I shall look forward eagerly to an early and favorable reply from you.

With high regard and best wishes,

Sincerely,

MRS. RAE ASHTON
National President

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NORCROSS, Ga., June ____--(ALNS)---Frank S. Leavitt, 63, the colorful 317-pound wrestler known all over the world as "Man Mountain Dean," died suddenly at his home at Norcross, Ga., on May 29 of a heart attack.

A football player, wrestler, soldier in two World Wars, bodyguard, movie actor and frustrated politician, "Man Mountain" served as assistant national sergeant at arms at some 20 national American Legion Conventions. He was usually assigned to guard the press box at the convention hall. It was an assignment he loved. A member of The American Legion since 1919, he was a continuous member and past commander of the Buford, Ga., Post 127 since 1927.

"Man Mountain" wrestled 6,783 matches in his career. At his peak he commanded as high as \$1,500 for each mat appearance. He was a favorite in Hollywood, Cal., where he introduced the beard as a gaudy trademark of showman wrestling. He played in 34 movies. At American Legion Conventions he always attracted attention because of his behemoth size and beard. He ran for Congress from Georgia in 1951 but was defeated. He had lived in Norcross since 1937. *on*

Have YOU asked a veteran to join?

BELLEVUE, Wash., June ____--(ALNS)---Veterans of World War II and of the Korean War, who were captured while in military service, have organized The American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. National Headquarters are located at Bellevue, Wash. Robert W. Geis of El Paso, Texas, is Commander. William L. Berry of Oklahoma City, Okla., is vice commander and D. Tom Hoffman of Bellflower, Cal., is treasurer. The new organization published a monthly newspaper entitled "THE NEW BULLETIN."

"Meet me in St. Louie!" --- Lewie

JACKSON, Miss. June ____--(ALNS)---Arthur Short, 62, past department commander of the Mississippi American Legion, is dead at his home at Jackson, Miss. He succumbed to a heart attack.

Short served as department commander during 1933-34. He was one of the charter members in 1919 of the Henry Graves Post 1 of The American Legion in Jackson. He held numerous department and national committee appointments and was popular in American Legion circles throughout the state. *File*

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Honorable Lewis K. Gough
National Commander
The American Legion
777 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis 8, Indiana

My dear Mr. Gough:

Thank you very much for your letter of
June 16, 1953.

Inspector Pennington has referred his
letter from Mr. Willand dated June 16 to my
attention and I have informed Mr. Willand that
we would be happy to arrange a tour of our head-
quarters on July 27, 1953, for the young men who
will be attending Boys Nation.

I advised him that although I would be
unable to address these boys due to my heavy
schedule Inspector Pennington would consider it
a privilege to talk to them. In my note to
Mr. Willand I furnished him pertinent details
regarding the necessary arrangements for this
group's visit.

It was very good to hear from you,
I am glad that we can be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

cc - Indianapolis, with copy of incoming.
cc - Inspector Pennington, with copy of incoming.
cc - Mr. Clegg, with copy of incoming.
cc - Tour Room, with copy of incoming.
cc - Mr. Holloman, with copy of incoming.

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NOTE: By letter of this same date Mr. Willand, Director of the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion, wrote Inspector Pennington regarding this proposed tour and he was advised of all necessary details. Similar tour and talk has been arranged for Girls Nation, who are to be in Washington on August 3, 1953.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
June 16, 1953

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| Mr. Tolson | ✓ |
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| Mr. Holloman | ✓ |
| Mr. Sizoo | ✓ |
| Miss Gandy | ✓ |

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The American Legion's National Americanism Commission will sponsor its Eighth Annual Boys Nation in Washington, D. C., the week of July 24-30, 1953. Approximately 96 boys will be attending Boys Nation and during this week, will be quartered at the University of Maryland.

Two boys are elected as delegates from each of the forty-eight Boys States and represent approximately 20,000 high school juniors who are participating in the program this year.

The American Legion is extremely proud of its Boys Nation program. As you know it is designed to give these young men a better understanding of the American Constitutional Government, and to teach them the practical operation thereof.

Realizing the operation and functions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are so important, we would consider it a privilege and of great benefit if you would receive and talk to our group in your offices or the Department auditorium, on Monday, July 27, at 9:00 A.M. Our time schedule is such that we could spent from 9:00 until 10:50 A.M., and as in the past, would greatly appreciate your permission to allow these young men to be taken on a tour of the F. B. I. facilities either prior to or after a word of greeting from you.

Thank you for your many past favors and grand cooperation.

Sincerely,

Lewis K. Gough
LEWIS K. GOUGH
National Commander

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The Attorney General

June 16, 1953

Director, FBI

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GIRLS NATION
PROPOSED VISIT TO FBI
AUGUST 3, 1953

By letter dated June 10, 1953, Mrs. Rae Ashton, National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, NATIONAL requested that arrangements be made for a group of young ladies comprising "Girls Nation" to visit the FBI. By another letter of the same date, addressed to Inspector Lee. R. Pennington, Mrs. Ashton enclosed a copy of a letter to you dated June 10, 1953. The letter to Inspector Pennington and the enclosure dealt with the same request.

The attached is a copy of the reply which is being directed to Mrs. Ashton.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: VISIT OF GIRLS NATION TO BUREAU
9:00 A.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 1953

DATE: June 18, 1953

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AMERICAN Legion-NATIONAL

Your attention is called to the attached tickler of a letter to Mrs. Rae Ashton dated June 16, 1953, advising her that it would be a pleasure to furnish the young ladies of Girls Nation a tour at 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 3, 1953. The group had wanted to meet the Director and we told Mrs. Ashton in our letter that while the uncertainty of the Director's schedule makes it impossible to plan for him to address the group, Inspector Pennington would be happy to welcome them at the time of their visit.

The incoming letter mentioned that the group would like to meet the Attorney General. We furnished a copy of our reply to Mrs. Ashton to the Attorney General. Mrs. Ashton's incoming letter of June 10th enclosed a copy of her letter to the Attorney General asking to meet him.

Inspector Pennington has received from Mr. Mullen in the Department a copy of Mullen's letter of June 15th to Mrs. Ashton. This letter states that the Attorney General would be happy to meet with the delegates if in town at that time and that the Department would work out details with Inspector Pennington. A copy of Mullen's letter to Mrs. Ashton dated June 15, 1953, is attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Mullen be advised informally now that when the group arrives his office will be notified so that he can advise us whether or not the Attorney General will be able to meet with these young people. Arrangements will have to be worked out on the day of their arrival as to what time the group will be taken to the Department in the event the Attorney General can meet them. Of course, the matter should be followed so that when the group comes in appropriate notice can be given to Mullen.

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cc - Mr. Pennington

cc - Mr. Nichols

cc - Tour Room

cc - Mr. Holloman

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD *DL*

FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*

SUBJECT: 35th Annual National Convention,
American Legion

DATE: June 23, 1953

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I have received advice from National Headquarters of the American Legion that the 35th Annual National Convention will be held at St. Louis, Missouri, August 31 through September 3, 1953.

Dates for National Convention committees have not as yet been set, but the Americanism Commission and Committee usually meet one or two days prior to the actual calling of the convention.

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ADDENDUM:

I would recommend that Mr. Pennington attend this national convention.

D.M.LADD

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A meeting of the new National Executive Committee will be held at the call of the National Commander within twenty-four hours after the adjournment of the National Convention, as provided by the National By-Laws.

Incoming and outgoing members of the National Executive Committee should be present to attend their respective meetings.

Authority exists for paying the expenses of members of the present National Executive Committee to, from and during the meeting immediately preceding the National Convention on August 30, 1953, and likewise during the period of the National Convention August 30 to September 3, inclusive.

According to long standing custom approved by other National Executive Committees, members of the National Executive Committee accept the status of delegates with reference to housing, entertainment, etc. Members of the Committee should make their hotel reservations through their respective Department Headquarters.

DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

Department Officials, unless elected as Delegates or Alternates to the National Convention, have no privileges in the Convention except as the guests of their respective delegates. Department Commanders and Department Adjutants might well be made members of their Department delegations, as the experience of these officials will be exceedingly valuable.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES

Press Representatives accompanying the delegations will be afforded every facility for their work at the Convention. They should report to the office of the National Public Relations Director, in the temporary National Headquarters, in the Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, upon arrival in St. Louis. A representative of the Public Relations Division will be on duty in that office to assist in issuing the necessary press credentials to bona fide press representatives. Each newspaper correspondent who wishes a press space in order to file copy by wire to his paper must present a letter of certification from his newspaper to that effect.

HOUSING

Department delegations will be assigned to hotels in St. Louis through the Chairman of the National Convention Housing Committee.

RAILROAD RATES

In view of rates authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission, Passenger Associations are not offering railway passenger rate concessions for reunions or conventions, as such, aside from those concessions available to the traveling public in general. Such rates as are available to the general public will govern those traveling from all points to and from St. Louis at the time of the Thirty-fifth Annual National Convention of The American Legion.

Definite quotations may be secured through local ticket agents or passenger representatives.

Reservations should be made at earliest moment for round trip, due to passenger traffic congestion.

ADVANCE REPRESENTATIVES

The Fourth Annual National Convention provided that the Committees on Credentials, Permanent Organization and Rules shall meet in advance of the official opening of the Convention for the purpose of preparing their reports, and that each Department shall designate advance representatives to serve on these committees.

The Committee on Credentials will meet, and is hereby called to meet, in the Auditorium of the Soldiers Memorial Building at 11:30 A. M., Sunday, August 30, 1953.

The Committee on Permanent Organization will meet, and is hereby called to meet, in the Auditorium of the Soldiers Memorial Building at 12:00 noon, Sunday, August 30, 1953.

The Committee on Rules will meet, and is hereby called to meet, in the Auditorium of the Soldiers Memorial Building at 12:30 P. M., Sunday, August 30, 1953.

Delegation Secretaries might well represent their Departments on these committees.

Time and place for meetings of all other Convention Committees will be forwarded to each Department Headquarters as soon as available.

Each Department delegation should select a chairman and secretary prior to the departure of the delegation for the Convention. The chairman and secretary, or their representatives, should arrive in St. Louis in advance of their delegation, and not later than 9:00 A. M., Sunday, August 30, 1953.

Delegation Secretaries should report to the Kiel Auditorium, office of the National Adjutant, upon arrival in St. Louis for full and detailed instructions concerning all Convention arrangements.

CREDENTIALS

Each Delegation Secretary arriving in advance of his delegation will bring with him, properly executed, in triplicate, the official "Certification of Delegates and Alternates," which must contain the following information:

1. Name of Department.
2. Number of Posts in the Department.
3. Paid-up membership at the close of business, 12:00 noon, August 1, 1953, according to the books of National Treasurer.
4. Delegation Chairman.
5. Delegation Secretary.
6. Names, addresses and post affiliations of Delegates.
7. Names, addresses and post affiliations of Alternates.
8. Signature of Department Commander, attested by Department Adjutant.

DELEGATION HEADQUARTERS

Each delegation will establish headquarters in the hotel to which assigned. Upon arrival in St. Louis, all members of a Department delegation will report to their respective delegation headquarters. They will receive all necessary instructions from the Secretary of their delegation and will NOT report to the National Adjutant.

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

Convention headquarters will be opened by the National Adjutant in the Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, 10:00 A. M., Monday, August 24, 1953.

Only business which pertains strictly to convention matters should be addressed to the Convention Headquarters. Regular and routine correspondence will be sent as usual to the National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana.

MISCELLANEOUS

Instructions covering program, order of business, and other miscellaneous matter, will be issued later.

Lewis Gough
National Commander.

Attest:

Henry H. Hudley
National Adjutant.

Distribution:

- 1 to each National Officer
- 1 to each Past National Commander
- 1 to each National Executive Committeeman
- 1 to each Alternate National Executive Committeeman
- 1 to each Department Commander
- 3 to each Department Adjutant
- 12 to National Convention Corporation.

CALL

for

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

of

THE AMERICAN LEGION

The Thirty-fifth Annual National Convention of The American Legion is hereby called, and in conformity with the action of the National Convention Commission and the National Executive Committee, fixing the time and place of this convention, will be held in St. Louis, Mo., August 31, September 1, 2 and 3, 1953. Convention sessions will be held at Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis.

PURPOSE

The Convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the National Constitution and By-Laws, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

REPRESENTATION

Representation in the Convention shall be by Department, and in accordance with the provisions of the National Constitution. (Art. V.)

Each Department shall be entitled to five delegates, and to one additional delegate for each one thousand members or major fraction thereof, fully paid up by that Department according to the books of the National Treasurer at the close of business, 12:00 noon, August 1, 1953. (Sec. 3, Article V, National Constitution.)

In addition to the above, the members of the National Executive Committee are delegates to the National Convention with vote, which vote shall be exercised with their respective Departments, except that the vote of the National Commander shall be exercised only in his capacity as chairman of the National Convention. (Sec. 3, Article VII, National Constitution.)

ALTERNATES

Each Department is entitled to elect a number of alternates equal to the number of earned Delegates to which such Department is entitled.

Alternates will have the power to vote only in the absence of the regular Delegates.

The selection of Alternates to represent absent Delegates is a matter for decision within the respective delegations.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the National Executive Committee, as now constituted, is hereby called and will be held in the Auditorium of the Soldiers Memorial Building at 2:00 P. M., Sunday, August 30, 1953, as provided by the National By-Laws.

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OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

June 30, 1953

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Gearty ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Winterrowd ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Mr. Sizoo ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to thank you on behalf of The American Legion and myself personally for your letter of June 22nd advising that you will arrange for a tour of your Bureau by young men who will attend the 1953 Boys Nation, and that Inspector Pennington will arrange for the tour.

I assure you that Mr. Willand will keep in close touch with Inspector Pennington on all necessary details in advance of the time scheduled for the visit.

Sincerely yours,

Lewis K. Gough

LEWIS K. GOUGH
National Commander

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Miss Pauline E. Mandigo
Statler Hotel
16th and K Streets, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Mandigo:

Thank you for your kind letter of July 21, 1953. It is a pleasure to send the enclosed statement, which you may feel free to use in connection with Girls Nation.

As I told Mrs. Rae Ashton in my letter of June 16, 1953, I regret that I cannot plan to address the girls because of the uncertainty of my schedule. I know, however, that Inspector L. R. Pennington is looking forward to greeting the young ladies at the time of their visit to the FBI on August 3, 1953.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

cc - Inspector L. R. Pennington, with copy of incoming Room 4720

cc - Tour Room, with copy of incoming

NOTE: The young ladies of Girls Nation are scheduled to visit the Bureau at 9:00 a.m. on 8-3-53 and they will be addressed in Assembly Room Number One by Inspector Pennington; thereafter, they will be taken on a tour. Arrangements have been made for the address and the tour.

The letter is being sent to the hotel to await the arrival of Miss Mandigo per her letter.

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It is indeed a pleasure once again to have the young ladies of Girls Nation visit Washington.

I have always been of the opinion that one of our greatest duties to our country lies in the proper preparation of youth to carry on the high ideals and traditions of democracy which we have inherited from the Founding Fathers. In teaching its excellent lessons of practical civil government, from the local to the state and Federal levels, Girls Nation meets this responsibility squarely and in a manner worthy of the support of every citizen.

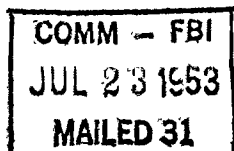
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary, whose public relations counsel I am.

We are delighted that you are to address our group on Monday, August 3rd.

I would appreciate it if you could give me a few paragraphs of quotes, sending them to the Hotel Statler in Washington, where I shall be after July 28th.

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Sincerely,

Pauline E. Mandigo
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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

June 24, 1953

TO: National Executive Committeemen
Alternate National Executive Committeemen
Department Commanders
Department Adjutants
Commission and Committee Chairmen
National Americanism Commission
Un-American Activities Committee

G. I. R. -1

Recently there appeared an article in a national weekly magazine which asked the following question: "Is The Legion's 'Red Chase' Being Toned Down?". All Legion leaders are entitled to a full and complete answer since this question has been raised.

The answer definitely and emphatically is NO. The activity of the Legion in fighting subversion is of the utmost importance to both the nation and the Legion, and within the Legion mandates and available resources this program has had and will continue to have top priority emphasis.

At the last meeting of the National Executive Committee a move was approved to centralize and concentrate the method of handling the Un-American Activities program. Prior to this action the work of the Un-American Activities sub-section of the Americanism Division was divided, with one group working out of the Washington Office and another out of the Indianapolis Headquarters. This was the only Legion activity, except Public Relations, so divided. Both groups devoted full time to the program, but all bulletined information, in accordance with mandates, passed through the Indianapolis Office. A thorough "job survey" was made by the Administrative Assistant to the National Commander, the National Adjutant and the Director of the Washington Office. A consolidation into one office was recommended as practical in the interest of efficiency and expediency. Such a consolidation would provide elimination of duplication of records and efforts on the part of personnel, elimination of time, confusion, conferences and interviews in the Washington Office not of major Legion significance, elimination of technical difficulties in publishing the Firing Line, with previous responsibilities in both offices for its editing, and elimination of delay in getting information to the field.

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As a consequence, and to eliminate the above duplication, as well as to give more time to research and service to the field, the change as approved by the NEC was made. This change had the approval of the Americanism Commission and Un-American Activities Subcommittee then in meeting in Indianapolis. This change is in line with established past Legion policy, i.e., we supported unification in the Armed services and fought a division of Veterans Administration both in the interest of effectiveness and efficiency.

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The action of the 1952 New York National Convention continued the Un-American Activities Section under the National Americanism Commission rather than establishing it as a separate and distinct commission. It is no secret that this was a tremendous disappointment to the then Chairman and Director of the Un-American Activities Section. Under our By-Laws, however, it is possible to call for separate reports on Americanism and Un-American Activities, before the NEC, rather than a combined report, and for greater emphasis this was done at the October and May meeting of the NEC.

I have had great respect for Mr. Baarslag personally (until recently Research Director) and we worked closely together for mutual objectives throughout that period of my year prior to his resignation. It was with great regret that I was forced to accept his resignation, which he voluntarily tendered.

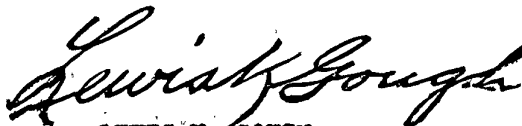
The present consolidated program in the National Headquarters Office in Indianapolis under Americanism is being directed by C. A. "Bud" Tesch, known to many of you for his able work in the National Organization. Mr. Nonnenmacher was transferred from Washington to Indianapolis, and is working harmoniously with Mr. Harris who was previously in charge of the work here. Both men were given a substantial increase in pay and both will be pleased to continue working cooperatively with you to give you improved service under the existing consolidation. The travel budget for their work was substantially increased to provide for as many trips as necessary to Washington, New York and elsewhere whenever required.

The magazine article referred to above mentioned censorship of the Firing Line. There has been no more censorship recently than in past years. NEC action has provided since 1937 that all material emanating from any division of the national organization must be reviewed for policy by the office of the National Adjutant. The Firing Line has been checked by the office of the National Judge Advocate for libelous matters only.

Throughout the past ten months I have continually emphasized the importance of our Un-American Activity fight and, as National Commander, I have testified before committees of Congress, have delivered many addresses on the subject, and have worked with leaders of educational, motion picture, labor and other groups to cooperate wherever possible. The American Legion Magazine and all our publications have supported my efforts continually as has been evident. During the year the Firing Line has shown a consistent increase in circulation.

I would particularly recommend that Legion leaders interested in source material acquaint themselves with my key talks, "The Anatomy of Communism" and "Today's Challenge", the latter delivered to a national educational group, with emphasis on the problem as it affects education. Practically all of my speeches, however, have stressed this subject. Copies of these talks are available through our National Public Relations Office.

Those most closely identified with the Un-American Activities fight as conducted by the Legion have, without exception, commended the recent move to consolidate and strengthen the program. Let me again assure you, if you need assurance, that as long as I am National Commander this program will continue to be emphasized and strengthened in every manner possible.



LEWIS K. GOUGH
National Commander

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books, they have a definite place in school and public libraries. -- If so displayed and identified. They have no place in overseas information libraries where they are going to be read by foreigners who assume they are representative of American thought. If completely identified for what they are, they could be kept for special researchers interested in the Communist movement in America. We have long proclaimed that the first step in combating Communism is to "know your enemy". President Eisenhower did say in the speech "that should be the only censorship" after he advised the Dartmouth graduates not to "be afraid to go in your library and read every book as long as any document does not offend our own ideas of decency". We are certain the President will not disagree that every Communist book is offensive to American decency since it is written as a weapon to destroy all we hold sacred.

ARTHUR HAYS SULZBERGER, President and Publisher of the NEW YORK TIMES, addressed the graduating class at John Carroll University recently. He proposed "the equivalent of a moratorium or some sort of political amnesty" for former Communists. He specified the beginning of the Berlin Air-Lift, 1948, as a dividing line. He said: "Anyone who joined a Communist-front organization thereafter, must accept whatever consequences might befall him as a result of that association. On the other hand, he who joined such an organization prior to that date, should not be regarded as necessarily and automatically having a black mark on his record, provided he has clearly dissociated himself from any such group before the date set". He went on to say he "would exempt from this ruling all persons under consideration for particularly sensitive positions, just as I would take into account the question of judgment". Toward the end of his talk, MR. SULZBERGER said, "It would be wonderful if The American Legion would take up such a program and promote it."

We would like MR. SULZBERGER to know The American Legion is doing exactly this. The Legion has an outstanding record of cooperating with former Communists who have proven their break with the past. And it will extend to July, 1953, too, if their testimony under oath strikes a serious blow at their former associates in the Red conspiracy. We set no date for redemption. We are in absolute agreement with MR. SULZBERGER when he says, we repeat, "provided he has clearly dissociated himself from any such group before the date set". Our exposures only ever concern those who have never made such a dissociation.

We want MR. SULZBERGER to know that in the March 15, 1952 issue of THE FIRING LINE, one quarter of its space was devoted to plugging the FEDERATION OF FORMER COMMUNISTS, P. O. Box 5634, Friendship Station, Washington, D. C. In that write-up, we quoted two paragraphs from the 1951 Report of the House Un-American Activities Committee which expressed its great debt to former Communists and spoke out strongly for "a full opportunity for social, economic, and political rehabilitation" for them. It is common knowledge that neither The American Legion nor the House Committee on Un-American Activities has ever drawn any praise for their charitable and just treatment of former Communists. They only drew sneers for exposing those who have never broken with the forces seeking our destruction.

THE FEDERATION OF FORMER COMMUNISTS, like all anti-Communist organizations, has little or nothing in the way of financial resources. We strongly urge that MR. SULZBERGER follow up his speech at John Carroll University by interesting himself in the FEDERATION OF FORMER COMMUNISTS and using all the influence he can to prevail on such foundations as the Ford Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation to make substantial grants to it for the tremendously important work it has programmed and which only lack of funds prevents being done. An outline of the FEDERATION, its aims and purposes, was considered so important by Congressman, Charles J. Kersten of Wisconsin, that he inserted it in the Congressional Record of February 5, 1952. Despite the paucity of finances, the FEDERATION has mailed directly to thousands of members of the Communist Party, all over the United States and Hawaii and to the personnel at all the Communist Embassies, literature aimed at breaking down their Communist convictions; helping them to make that mental break so important before there can be any physical separation from the movement. Here is real psychological warfare carried on by men who know Communism inside out from inside and out. The FEDERATION deserves not only MR. SULZBERGER's support but that of all Americans.

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A VICTORIOUS AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE! NOT ON A DOUBLE STANDARD. There has been much loose prattle about psychological warfare in the past months. It was heightened during the last presidential campaign. People who hadn't the least idea what it involves, talked about it in the manner of experts.

Psychological warfare is not a lot of words beamed at an enemy. Most of the phony "experts" on psych. war have talked of methods of reaching people behind the Iron Curtain with words. So what? There's no use reaching their ears or eyes if what you have to tell them isn't worth listening to.

It's downright damaging to our cause if what they read and hear in the way of fine talk is completely undone by what we do. By their works you shall know them -- let's not forget this applies to Americans as well as to anyone else. The peoples of the world, both free and slave, have the intelligence God gave them. They are not dumb animals. To them, as well as to Americans, do Lincoln's words about not fooling all of the people all of the time apply. In these critical days, they are all watching what we do.

And what are we doing? Continuing right along on our double standard. We continue to tell the world how anti-Communist we are, how hard we are struggling for human freedom, what staunch friends of liberty-loving nations and so on and so on. We talk of peace when there is no peace and can be no peace until Communism is removed from this world. Certainly Legionnaires who have read THE FIRING LINE constantly need not be told that. We are convinced most Americans know it by now. Why then do we continue to retreat, to compromise, to surrender, to acquiesce, to grovel in the path of the Communists?

All the good work of anti-Communist Legionnaires and non-Legionnaires throughout America, yes, throughout the world, can be undone in the matter of a single signature by a diplomat, in the secret agreements of a handful of statesmen. A few moments of top-level international negotiation can render useless the hard work of years of struggle against atheistic Communism by liberty-loving individuals and groups.

For while the individuals and organizations may have caused some set-backs to the Communist cause, the triumphs of the enemy at the diplomatic table have been, and continue to be, enormous. This is why we continue to devote so much time to this most important phase of the struggle against Communism.

A specific example of America's double standard in waging "war" against Communism is to be found in the opposite treatment intended for the North Korean and Chinese riflemen on the one hand, who surrendered to our forces in order to escape the slavery of Communism, and for the North Korean or Chinese pilot, or pilots, on the other, who will (!) fly a Russian MIG into South Korea, and surrender it to our forces.

We have offered to pay any pilot doing so the magnificent sum of \$100,000. And to the rifleman who comes over to us, we've given the cold treatment of months of imprisonment, now months of "interrogation" by Communists, and eventually death when he decides to return to Communist lines because of the intimidation and actual torture of his relatives at home by the Communists.

We promise the airman a fortune. We subject the rifleman, who begs to fight with our forces, complete frustration. It is significant that as of this writing not one MIG has been flown into South Korea. We could get hundreds of enemy planes and pilots if we offered them freedom. But we have to prove our promises first. In World War II, we sent back hundreds of thousands of Russians who had fled the Soviet Union. They were all killed or sent to slave camps to die slowly in agony. We are now taking part, despite all denials, in a similar move with regard to Korean and Chinese soldiers who fled Communism and don't want to go back.

Two Polish pilots have at long last dared to fly to freedom in their fighter planes. Why haven't there been far more? Why hasn't \$100,000, undreamed of wealth behind the Iron Curtain, lured a single pilot over to our side in Korea?

Can it be because our so-called "psychological warfare" is being undone by our deeds? Our psych. war men in Korea did a great job. They convinced enemy troops in the beginning of our good will, our earnestness in the fight against Communism. Those troops saw tremendous hope in America and at great sacrifice they came over to our lines. It is no secret that the surrenders of Communist soldiers long since dwindled to nothing. And why not, when they know it is treason to surrender or be captured by the enemy — and that enemy in this case may send them back to be shot for their treason. In simple language, Legionnaires, we Americans can't be trusted.

We tell the world we have repelled aggression in Korea. North Korea is now full of Chinese Communists who were not there June, 1950, when the war began. But we have "repelled aggression". We now are going to achieve the unification of Korea by political methods. Just like we have achieved the unity of Germany, the unity of Berlin, the unity of Austria.

Would to God someone high in American politics would say like General McCalliffe did at Bastogne — "WTF!!". The American people elected General Dwight D. Eisenhower President of these United States of America because they felt he was the man that destiny had picked to lead the world out of the chaos of fear, death and tyranny. They wanted a change. They did not like being in the habit of continually losing the struggle with the greatest enemy in our history, Communism. The American people are well aware that we are still losing. They are not in any way taken in by the truce terms in Korea. They are certain that there has been no change.

The Korean War is only a part of the Asian War. The Asian War is only part of the Global War. The Global War is the war to the death between Communism and freedom. Only when we determine to win the Global War against Communism will we be able to lay out the tactics necessary to do so.

We cannot have a program without first having a purpose. The purpose of Communism is to win the entire world — all of it — every square inch, to subject all people — every single Indian, every single Englishman, every single American. As yet our purpose is not to prevent this world conquest and so we are still inclined to vacillate, to compromise, to surrender. All the grand words are empty phrases because we have not yet determined to win — to completely defeat Communism. And in this war, the only alternative to victory is complete defeat. There is no one to pull us out of the jaws of defeat. If we haven't got the guts to go all out to win, we will lose, and deserve to lose. Unless our deeds begin to show principle and strength, C. D. Jackson, as the President's top man on psych. war, might as well pack up and go back to his magazines, and any information agency is a waste of tax money.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Victor Riesel columnist, "We'll never learn. Again, the capitalist world is in a hysterical stampede to sell the Soviets the rope with which they plan to hang us". Riesel is right. The Communists know it is true and have only contempt for the bourgeois world because of it. A Communist once told one of America's leading anti-Communists that a capitalist would sell a gun to a man he knew was going to kill him if he could make a profit on it. Capitalists are today proving the truth of this. The Communists are dedicated to the abolition of the capitalist system, but these great world traders blindly sell the Reds everything they need to conquer the world and achieve that destruction.

Our nomination for the outstanding anti-anti-anti-Communist of the week is Fay George Child who does a neat job of dissecting the slurring article about Senator Joe McCarthy by William S. White in last week's LOOK MAGAZINE. Child is the editor-publisher of the Maynard (N.H.) NEWS.

The May 21 issue of EAST EUROPE AND SOVIET RUSSIA has this important paragraph on the prisoner of war issue in Korea:

Moreover, in dealing with any of these problems, agreement depends not on a formal solution being found but on the intentions which lie behind its implementation. The seemingly simple question of repatriating the Korean p.o.w.'s is a telling illustration of the difficulties caused by hidden intentions. Although the principle of voluntary repatriation has — at least — been agreed on, the Communists' determination to get back their prisoners by hook or by crook, has not eased by one iota the difficulties of finding a solution, despite the agreement in principle. Were the Communists genuinely prepared to let the prisoners make up their own minds about where they want to go, the present near deadlock at Panmunjon would not have arisen.

Here is one British publication which understands the basic issues. The Communists have fought for many, many months to get back the prisoners who don't want to return to the Soviet "paradise".

We regret President Eisenhower's choice of words, "Don't join the book burners", in his speech at Dartmouth, without a more thorough explanation of exactly what he meant at the time. This epithet is being pushed to the limit by the Communists to create as much confusion as possible. The American Legion does not advocate book burning which is just that — setting fire to books by anyone to destroy them. Our library would be glad to have any Communist-authored books and pamphlets for research and educational purposes. In American libraries it makes sense to us to have pro-Communist books identified for what they are, and available for research. We do not think it is common sense to have books selling Communism to be on the shelves in the sections on sociology, or philosophy, or economics. They should be in a section marked "Communism", where should also be books exposing Communism. In addition to being an evil conspiracy, we know Communism is a philosophy, it advocates a certain economic system, and it aims at the achievement of a certain social system. We know, however, that all of these guarantees the destruction of our way of life. That is advocated by Communism should not be disguised as only philosophy, or only economics, etc. It should be identified as Communist economics, etc. This is not book burning but book identification of a more accurate sort.

Children are often poisoned by contents of a bottle whose label they can't read. Uninformed school and college students especially should at least have a label to keep them straight when they read Communist books. And we do have a food and drug act to label and grade food because some is unfit for human consumption. Medical research demands the use of disease germs. But who advocates that these germs be spread about in public? No poison goes unlabeled on the druggist's shelf. Neither should Communist

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 25 - (ALNS)-Appointment of Arthur Wayne Murphy,
40, a native of Kokomo, Ind., De graduate of Butler University and one of the nation's
best informed students on Communism, as research specialist for The American Legion
in the field of subversive activities has been announced here by National Commander
Lewis K. Gough. Plains Europe Comm

He will assume his duties at National Headquarters in Indianapolis on or
about August 10 upon his release from active duty in the U. S. Navy Reserve. 11

Murphy brings to his full-time post with The American Legion a vast stock
of factual knowledge and study of Communism. He is now completing work at George-
town University on his Ph.D., by writing his final thesis on "Communist Penetration
in the U. S. Merchant Marine." In his post-graduate study at Georgetown he took
the following courses toward his Ph. D. - Soviet Policy in the Near East (Professor
Tibor Kerekes); Soviet Expansionism (Professor Sherbowitz Wetzer); Government
of the USSR (Professor Nicholas de Rochefort); Communist Party in Russia (Professor
de Rochefort); Psychological Warfare (Professor Stefan Possony); Communist
Strategy and Techniques (Professor Possony); The Structure of Society (Professor
Possony); Political Theory I (Father Horrigan); Political Theory II (Professor
Ulrich Allers); Political Psychology (Professor Hugo Allers) and Theory of Re-
ligion (Father Quielle).

Author of Anti-Red Books

Murphy's appointment will greatly strengthen the staff of the Anti-Subver-
sive Section of the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion which is
now concentrated in Indianapolis.

In addition to years of study of the various aspects of Communism, Murphy
is the author of a number of books in this field. He wrote a "Manual For Combatting
Subversive Activities" which was published by the Indiana American Legion in 1948.
At that time Murphy was the Indiana Department chairman on subversive activities.
He also served in a similar capacity for the Arizona American Legion from 1948 to
1950 while teaching English at the Nogales High School. While there he helped to
organize the Mexican Anti-Communist Party in Nogales. He also wrote "The History
of Communism in Arizona." He represented the Arizona American Legion at the
Counter Subversive Seminar held in San Francisco, Cal., in February 1949. Previous-
ly he had represented the Indiana American Legion at the first National Counter
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Born at Kokomo, January 23, 1913, the son of Arthur James and Susan Batey
Murphy, he was graduated from Indianapolis Public School 51 in 1930 and from Arsenal
Technical High School in 1930. He got his A. B. Degree from Butler University in
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history and political science in 1934 and his M. A., in the same subjects in 1936. He worked his way through college as a filling station attendant and by boxing professionally under the name of Young Jack O'Brien. He taught history at Warren Central High School from 1938 to 1942 and again from 1946 to 1948.

Navy Intelligence Officer

He was sworn into the USNR in Indianapolis and reported for active World War II duty at the U. S. Naval Communications Training School at Noroton, Conn., August 1, 1942. His subsequent assignments took him to North Africa and Europe as a Navy communications officer with some of his functions embracing daily evaluations of naval intelligence reports and of civilian informants. He was separated from the service with the rank of Lieutenant on Feb. 6, 1946.

Returning to Indianapolis he became a charter member of Northeast Post 389 of The American Legion. He is now a member of Broad Ripple Post 312. In 1947 he also served as a lecturer on the History of Russia and Communism for the Indiana State Police Academy. In June 1950 the Murphys moved to Washington, D. C., where he began working on his Ph.D. For three months he was member there of the Anti-Subversive Section of The American Legion's National Americanism Division.

Murphy is married to the former Louise Gertrude Karle of Indianapolis.

"Meet me in St. Louie!" - - - Lewie

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: August 12, 1953

FROM: *mcf* Jones

SUBJECT: ARTHUR CONNELL
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT
POSSIBLY NEXT NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

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Inspector Pennington has advised that captioned individual will probably be elected National Commander of The American Legion at the convention in St. Louis in late August.

In 1942, Mr. Connell was State Commander of The Legion for Connecticut, and in that capacity he had limited cordial correspondence with R. H. Simmons, then the SAC at New Haven. (94-1-29441)

Files reflect no further relations and nothing derogatory concerning him. In view of this, it will probably be appropriate to write a congratulatory letter to him if and when he is elected.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that a congratulatory letter be sent to Mr. Connell if and when he is elected National Commander of The American Legion.

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TO : MR. TOLSON *V. m.*DATE: August 11, 1953 *8*FROM : W. R. GLAVIN *Paul*SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION FILES *Gen'l*

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| Miss Gandy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

There is attached a tabulation showing the status of American Legion files as of July 31, 1953, as to new files made up during the month, files in which contacts were completed during the month, and files in which additional contacts are needed. *Baumgardner*

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TABULATION SHOWING STATUS OF AMERICAN LEGION FILES

AS OF JULY 31, 1953

| <u>OFFICE</u> | <u>NEW FILES MADE UP DURING MONTH</u> | <u>FILES IN WHICH ALL NECESSARY CONTACTS COMPLETED DURING MONTH</u> | <u>FILES IN WHICH AD- DITIONAL CONTACTS NEEDED</u> |
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| Albany | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Albuquerque | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Anchorage | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Atlanta | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Baltimore | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Birmingham | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Boston | 298 | 23 | 379 |
| Buffalo | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Butte | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Charlotte | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chicago | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cincinnati | 0 | 17 | 76 |
| Cleveland | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dallas | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Denver | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Detroit | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| El Paso | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Honolulu | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Houston | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Indianapolis | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kansas City | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Knoxville | 0 | 0 | 156 |
| Little Rock | 42 | 2 | 68 |
| Los Angeles | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Louisville | 0 | 10 | 23 |
| Memphis | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Miami | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Milwaukee | 0 | 11 | 4 |
| Minneapolis | 0 | 0 | 1100 |
| Mobile | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Newark | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| New Haven | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| New Orleans | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| New York | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Norfolk | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Oklahoma City | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Omaha | 0 | 2 | 14 |
| Philadelphia | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Phoenix | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pittsburgh | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Portland | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Richmond | 7 | 1 | 42 |
| St. Louis | 0 | 284 | 0 |
| Salt Lake City | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| San Antonio | 0 | 6 | 1 |
| San Diego | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| San Francisco | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| San Juan | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Savannah | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Seattle | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Springfield | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Washington | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
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August 24, 1953

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Mr. Donald McGee
138 Hanover Street
Hamilton, Ohio

Dear Mr. McGee:

Your letter of July 29, 1953, which you sent to the President, has been referred to my attention.

With reference to your inquiry, I thought you might like to know that Boys' Nation is sponsored by The American Legion. It is therefore suggested that you may wish to communicate with the American Legion post nearest your community or the National Headquarters of The American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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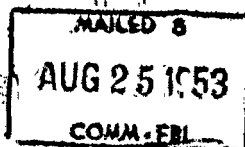
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wants to join
Boys' Nation organization

RESPECTFULLY REFERRED
FOR CONSIDERATION
AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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Hamilton, Ohio
July 29, 1953

Dear Sir,

I read an article in the Hamilton Journal telling about a group called ~~Boys' Nation~~. I was very interested in this. If you could I would appreciate very much if you could advise me where to join this organization. I know you are busy but I would appreciate it very much if you would send me their address or such information.

Sincerely

Donald McGee
Donald McGee

Donald McGee

Hamilton, Ohio

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. B. Nichols

DATE: August 4, 1953

FROM : E. C. Kemper

SUBJECT: VISIT OF ~~GIRLS NATION~~ ^{No Locality} TO BUREAU
9:00 A.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 1953

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In regard to the visit of the Girls Nation, this is to advise that at 9:15 AM I called Mr. Mullen and he said he did not know if the Attorney General or Deputy Attorney General Rogers would speak to the group. He told me to come by at 9:30 AM.

When I arrived Mullen said Rogers would handle. We went to Roger's office and Mullen told him what it was all about. Rogers then took 5 minutes to make some notes.

Mr. Pennington introduced Rogers. Rogers spoke for 30 minutes on the function of the Department.

Mr. Pennington who spoke from 9:00 to 9:40 received a standing ovation for his address.

The tour followed the address.

For information only.

cc - Mr. Pennington

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: August 31, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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With reference to Mr. Clegg's advice that a Los Angeles police officer was en route to the American Legion convention where he would serve as Sergeant at Arms and attempt to help Chief Parker adopt a resolution supporting a national clearing house idea, I talked to Mr. Pennington in St. Louis and briefed him fully on this.

Pennington advised me late last evening that 600 resolutions had been received and that he had gone through all of the resolutions and that there was nothing in the resolutions approaching the Parker idea. Pennington stated in addition he had double checked the California resolutions and they have nothing on this.

All resolutions clear through Vernon Grimes and then they are put in the hopper. Pennington has Grimes watching for something that might come up at the last minute.

Pennington further stated that such a resolution might originate in a committee or might come up on the floor. Pennington is taking steps to be kept informed on this and will have people on the floor at all times to oppose such a resolution should it come up.

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He has been
extensive

Pennington should be
most alert for Parker
is a "fox".

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: Sept. 2, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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Mr. Pennington has been calling me daily from St. Louis regarding the American Legion Convention. He has done an awful lot of ground work on the so-called Parker resolution creating a national clearing house. To date, he has discovered no trace of such a resolution. The possibility still exists it could come out of a committee, however, time is now working against this possibility as the convention closes at 3 p.m. on Thursday. Even if the resolution comes out of the committee, it cannot be presented on the floor until it is cleared with a clerk who gives a number to the resolution, etc. Pennington has stops here and he has people in the two committees, namely, the Internal Affairs Committee and the Security Committee, from which it might emanate. These two committees are meeting tomorrow and as I see it he has done everything that could be done. There has been no talk of the resolution and nobody has heard any talk about it.

The American Legion passed the resolution praising the Bureau on Wednesday afternoon. This was the resolution that came from Minneapolis and a note to Banister is attached.

Pennington had a long talk today with former Special Agent Frank Clement, Governor of Tennessee. Clement is amazed at Governor Shivers of Texas and told Pennington if the Director wants him to do anything about this situation, all that need be done is to let him know - he will go see Shivers, call him or do whatever is required. Pennington suggested a note to Clement. I think this is a good idea and a note is attached.

cc: Mr. Ladd
 Mr. Rosen

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Honorable Arthur J. Connell
National Commander
The American Legion
Portland, Connecticut

My dear Mr. Connell:

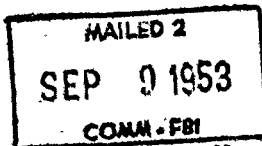
May I take this opportunity to extend my
heartiest congratulations on your election as National
Commander of The American Legion for the coming year.

This expression of confidence in you on the
part of your fellow members must indeed be a source of
deep personal satisfaction for you. I want to offer
my very best wishes for a thoroughly successful and
enjoyable term.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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cc - New Haven

NOTE: Files reflect that as State Commander for Connecticut
in 1942, Mr. Connell had limited cordial correspondence with
R. H. Simmons, then the SAC at New Haven. (94-1-29441) Files
reflect no further relations and no derogatory data.

Telephone directory for Middletown, Connecticut,
indicates Mr. Connell's address to be Portland. The Postal
Guide reflects that Portland is a separate post office. No
street address available. Salutation and address per
reading room.

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—United Press Telephotos

A Veteran of World War I

Arthur J. Connell, 55, of Middletown, Conn. (center), was elected new national commander. He's introduced to dele-

gates by Lewis Gough (left), outgoing commander. Mrs. Connell is beside her husband. Mr. Connell received 2751 votes to the 274 of the nearest of four other candidates. The convention adjourned at 5:20 p. m., after the election.

News
September 4, 1953

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *K*

DATE: Sept. 3, 1953

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION *national* *file*

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Mr. Pennington called from St. Louis this afternoon.
The Parker resolution did not come up. The American Legion
convention is now closed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: September 11, 1953

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ARTHUR J. CONNELL
NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER
AMERICAN LEGION - NATIONAL EX.CONN. M.A.S. file
NATIONAL EX.

ART CONNELL

There is attached a pamphlet concerning the above individual who was elected the other day as National Commander of the American Legion. It is suggested that this be filed for possible future use.

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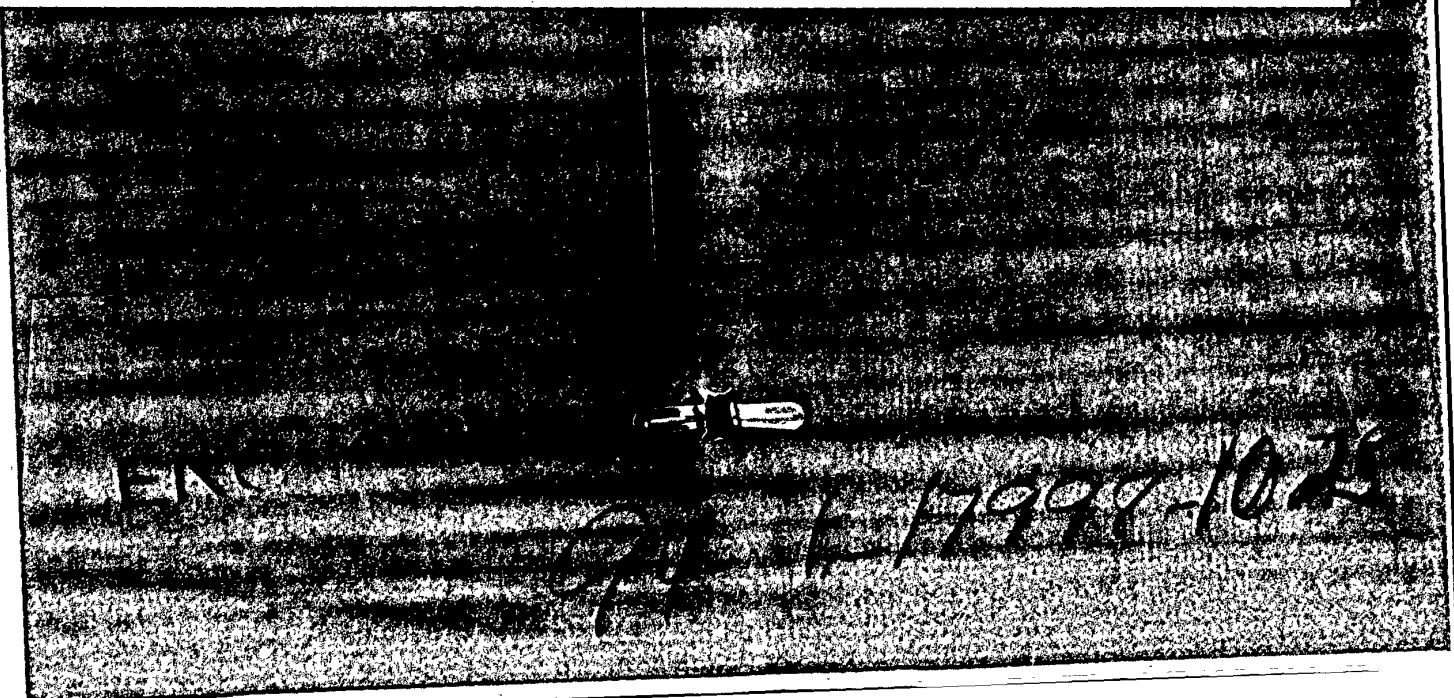
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Department Commander

Sydney P. Simons Says:

Presented by Connecticut, three years ago for the first time; the candidacy of "Art" Connell has increasingly gained strength through the support of Legion leaders and the rank and file Legionnaires of the Country, so that today he is recognized as the leading candidate for the Legion's top job in 1953.

This support is not alone based on personal popularity but rather on a definite feeling that he possesses the ability to handle the vast responsibility of our organization.

We believe that the election of "Art" Connell and his administration during his term of office will maintain and increase the prestige and accomplishments of the American Legion.

The years of service in the Legion in his Department and in the National organization have prepared "Art" for the job of National Commander. He has a thorough knowledge of the basic ideals, purposes and traditions of the Legion, and has played an active part in the development of the Legion Program and procedures which have benefited veterans and the nation over the years. He knows the Legion leaders in every Department, through his work as National Vice-Commander, on the National Executive Committee, and through his travels to many Department Conventions and Conferences. He has the priceless asset of experience—and of sound successful achievement. Connecticut believes that in this year of challenge to veteran benefits—"Art" Connell is your best choice for National Commander.

SUPPORT "ART" CONNELL!

A Sincere Legionnaire!

"ART" CONNELL

is a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy and Harvard College.

Served in the U. S. Navy in 1918.

Member, Milardo-Wilcox Post No. 75 of Middletown.

Member, Voiture No. 1128, Forty and Eight Commander, Milardo-Wilcox Post No. 75 1933-34.

Commander, 7th District of Connecticut, 1934-35.

Commander, Department of Connecticut 1941-42.

National Vice-Commander, 1942-43.

National Executive Committeeman, since 1947.

Member of various Post, District, Department and National Committees during his years in the Legion.

Has attended every Department and National Conventions since 1930 as a delegate or alternate.

Official representative of the American Legion at dedication of the World War II Memorial at Suresnes, France and to Military Cemeteries in Europe. (1952)



"ART" CONNELL

is President-Treasurer of Connell's of Middletown.

Vice - President, New England Retail Clothiers and Furnishers Association.

Member, Board of Directors of Borough of Stannard Beach.

Vice-President and a Director of Greater Middletown Community Chest, Inc.

Incorporator Middlesex Memorial Hospital, Secretary, Connecticut Veterans' Home and Hospital Commission.

Active in Community affairs.

- Endorsed at three Department Conventions of the American Legion of Conn. — proof of his standing with his fellow Legionnaires.
- Endorsed by the Middletown Chamber of Commerce, 1953—proof of the respect of his own Community.
- Endorsed by joint resolution of the General Assembly of Connecticut, 1953—proof of the esteem in which he is held in his home State.

FOR NATIONAL COMMANDER

A Community Leader!

Why YOU Should SUPPORT "ART" CONNELL IN 1953

1. He is enthusiastically and unanimously supported by 33,000 Connecticut Legionnaires.
2. Connecticut—with a long record of devotion to the Legion Program—has never had a National Commander.
3. He has gained "grass roots" acceptance by Legionnaires of all ages as a result of his appearances in every part of the country.
4. "Art" is eminently qualified for National Commander by reason of service, ability, experience and personality.
5. "Art" has demonstrated an ability to secure for the American Legion in Connecticut, the complete support of all political parties. This is a priceless asset.
6. He has the necessary Legion background to lead the fight against those who would destroy veteran benefits.
7. "Art" is youthful in energy, and enthusiasm; mature in judgment and experience.
8. His longstanding popularity and his loyalty to his Legion friendships, would be important factors in securing the full cooperation of all Legionnaires in a campaign to stimulate "grass roots" interest in Legion activities.
9. "Art" has a definite Program.
 - (a) Concentrate on the basic principles of the American Legion: Rehabilitation, Child Welfare, Americanism and National Security.
 - (b) Invite every veteran to join the American Legion.
 - (c) Stimulate Post Activities; properly indoctrinate new members: instil a love and devotion in the hearts of all Legionnaires for the Legion Program.
 - (d) Enhance the prestige of the Legion among all citizens ~~humanity~~ par-



CONNECTICUT PROUDLY PRESENTS



ARTHUR J. CONNELL
FOR
NATIONAL COMMANDER
IN 1953
"A WORKING LEGIONNAIRE"

94-1-17998-1025

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
AMERICANISM

To the Thirty-fifth Annual National Convention, of The American Legion,
St. Louis, Missouri, August 31 - September 1-3, 1953.

33 Members of your Committee on Americanism met at 9:00 a.m., September 1, 1953 in Committee Room C-2 in the Kiel Auditorium and agreed on the following report which is respectfully submitted for your consideration:

The Committee proceeded to organize by electing Archie Closson, of California, Chairman and Walter LeCraw, of Georgia, as Secretary.

Committee resolved itself into sub-committees, with Elliodor M. Libonati, of Illinois, acting as Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Un-American Activities; A. Luke Crispe, Vermont, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Community Service; Richard C. Cadwallader, Louisiana, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Education; Crete Anderson, Ohio, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Immigration and Naturalization; Harry W. Sleeth, Minnesota, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Youth Activities; and James F. Daniel, Jr., Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Recreation.

The following resolutions were rejected:

No. 21 (France) -- Subject: Amend Current Nationality Act to Permit Widows Receiving Pensions to Retain Their Citizenship Unless Residing in Countries Opposed to the United States. Rejected as too limited in scope and discriminatory.

No. 49 (Oregon) -- Subject: Initiate Special Ceremony to Promote Ideals of American Citizenship. Rejected as impossible of implementation and impractical.

No. 121 (Arkansas) -- Subject: Publicity Campaign Calling All Citizens To Vote. Rejected because already a part of The American Legion program.

No. 145 (Father Francis G. Duffy, Post No. 2, Killarney, Ireland) -- Subject: Loss of United States Citizenship of Veterans Who Return and Reside In Land of Birth. Rejected because too limited in scope and discriminatory.

No. 211 (Kansas) -- Subject: Traffic Safety. Rejected because it involves state laws.

No. 232 (Missouri) -- Subject: Designating May 1st of Each Year as "Back To God" Day. Rejected as tending to give undue publicity to Red's May Day.

No. 248 (Illinois) -- Subject: Disapprove Refusal to Answer By Those Called Before Congressional Committees. Rejected because of the legal controversy involved in the subject.

No. 255 (Illinois) -- Subject: Continue Publicity Campaign to Register and Vote in Elections. Rejected because already a part of The American Legion program.

No. 256 (Illinois) -- Subject: Appreciation to Press, Radio and Television for Support of Americanism Program. Rejected because it would apply to many not deserving such commendation.

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No. 295 (Illinois) -- Subject: The American Legion Membership Practice Spiritual Concepts of Justice, Liberty and Peace. Rejected because already covered in American Legion program.

No. 296 (Illinois) -- Subject: Legislation For A Theodore Roosevelt Week Beginning June 14 each year. Rejected as not coming under the scope of American Legion program.

No. 376 (Indiana) -- Subject: Critical Review of Statements and Actions of Persons Who Have Denounced Former Affiliation with Communism. Rejected as it would tend to defeat its own purpose.

No. 399 (California) -- Subject: Oath of Allegiance Administered to Naturalized Citizens. Rejected because immigration law deemed sufficient on this subject at present.

No. 400 (California) -- Subject: Get Out The Vote. Rejected because already a part of The American Legion program.

No. 404 (California) -- Subject: Payment of Federal Funds for Treatment of Service-Connected Veterans to Doctors of Medicine Who Refuse to Answer Questions Re Affiliation With The Communist Party. Rejected as only few individuals involved, and not considered wise to single out one group.

No. 453 (Washington) -- Subject: Oppose Attempted Pressure and Intimidation of Our Executive and Judicial Branches By Minorities. Rejected because of previous similar resolutions.

No. 561 (Texas) -- Subject: Confidence in Leadership of The American Legion National Organization and Magazine and U. S. Senate National Security Committee in Fight Against Communism. Rejected because covering many subjects and too general in nature.

The following resolutions were referred to the National Americanism Commission for study and report:

- No. 63 (Oregon) - Subject: Rifle Marksmanship Program of The American Legion be placed in charge of a competent Director.
- No. 81 (Tennessee) - Subject: Amend United States Constitution to grant citizens 18 years of age the right to vote.
- No. 149 (Maryland) - Subject: Amend "Pledge of Allegiance".
- No. 212 (Kansas) - Subject: Favor lowering voting age to 18.
- No. 238 (Illinois) - Subject: Improve judging in Oratorical Contests.
- No. 239 (Illinois) - Subject: Favor bill (H.R. 2996) to make Abraham Lincoln's birthday a National Holiday.
- No. 241 (Illinois) - Subject: Intensify opposition to Communism.
- No. 242 (Illinois) - Subject: Basic date of birth for eligibility of Junior Baseball.
- No. 247 (Illinois) - Subject: Oppose discriminatory quota system for admission into educational institutions.
- No. 253 (Illinois) - Subject: School curriculums include teaching the provisions of the Flag Law.
- No. 254 (Illinois) - Subject: Alert our citizens to need for harmony, unity and tolerance in our nation.
- No. 258 (Illinois) - Subject: American Legion be consulted in proposed Educational Television programs.
- No. 262 (Illinois) - Subject: Protest re-admission of Alfred Theodor Ex to United States.
- No. 263 (Illinois) - Subject: Review Cedric H. Belfrage's record with view of his deportation to England.
- No. 264 (Illinois) - Subject: Communist influence in Precision Scientific Company of Chicago, Illinois.
- No. 265 (Illinois) - Subject: Traffic Safety.
- No. 337 (Massachusetts) - Subject: Amend "Pledge of Allegiance".
- No. 339 (Massachusetts) - Subject: Services of American Casualty Company in Junior Baseball insurance.

No. 351 (Florida) -- Subject: Urge the adoption of a new "Boys' State Creed" -
for further study by Boys' State Conference.

No. 355 (Florida) -- Subject: Official American Legion Junior Rifle Club Brazzard
Be Adopted - For study by the Emblem Sales Division.

No. 368 (Pennsylvania) -- Subject: "Sons of the Legion" Program be changed to
"Sons and Dads of the Legion" - For Study by the Judge Advocate.

No. 375 (Indiana) -- Subject: Display of the United Nations' Flag on any ground
belonging to The American Legion.

No. 377 (Indiana) -- Subject: National provide competent judges for Oratorical
Contests.

No. 398 (California) -- Subject: Students for America.

No. 490 (Virginia) -- Subject: Prohibit distribution of subversive propaganda
through the mails.

No. 586 (Convention Americanism Committee Resolution)-- Subject: Broaden definition
of treason to become effective immediately.

No. 588 (Convention Americanism Committee Resolution) -- Subject: Crusade for
Freedom.

No. 592 (Convention Americanism Committee Resolution) -- Subject: Commend ICEM
for effort to resettle displaced persons in other countries.

The following resolutions were approved:

No. 141 (Ohio) -- Subject: Employment of Additional Research Specialist, resolution reading as follows:

WHEREAS, It is deemed advisable to reemphasize and reaffirm namely that we propose to continue our unrelenting fight against all Un-American and subversive activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31, September 1, 2, 3, 1953, that every reasonable effort be made to secure the services of an additional nationally recognized expert in the field of research and exposure of Un-American and Subversive Activities.

No. 151 (Maryland) -- Subject: Congressional Committees Investigate Activities of the American Civil Liberties Union, resolving clause which reads as follows:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the 35th National Convention of The American Legion assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, that the House Un-American Activities Committee, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and the Attorney General of the United States be urged to investigate the activities of the American Civil Liberties Union and, if warranted, institute prosecution under the Smith and/or McCarran Acts.

No. 218 (D.C.) -- Subject: Increase Appropriation for the National Board For The Promotion of Rifle Practice, the resolving clause which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion, in National Convention assembled, that the National Legislative Commission of The American Legion be authorized and directed to urge the 83rd Congress to increase the appropriation for the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice so that it might more effectively carry out the objectives of that program, by providing the necessary money to continue the issuance of .22 and .30 caliber ammunition to the Junior and Senior Rifle Clubs.

No. 250 (Illinois) -- Subject: Commend Teaching Profession For Its Help in Our Americanism Program, the resolving clause of which reads as follows:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31, September 1, 2, 3, 1953, that we are hereby grateful to the members of the American Teaching profession and their organizations for their great help rendered to the Americanism program of The American Legion; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the various Departments circulate this resolution among the public, private and parochial school groups for attention of the teaching profession.

No. 251 (Illinois) -- Subject: Commend National Education Association and Association of American Universities for Refusal to Participate in World Conference of Teachers, etc., the resolving clause reading as follows:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31, September 1, 2, 3, 1953, that we commend the National Education Association for their forthright action in refusing to participate in the Communist-inspired and dominated proposed world conference of teachers, and for their established national educational policy of renouncing and exposing any supporter of Communism or Socialism and declaring that such lack of intellectual freedom makes a person unworthy for the teaching profession; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Association of American Universities be commended also for its position that Communists have no place in the class room.

No. 374 (Indiana) -- Subject: Oppose Consumers Union and its Publication, Consumer Reports, the resolving clause reading as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That The American Legion in Convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31 to September 3, go on record that we are unalterably opposed to Consumers Union and to its publication, Consumer Reports.

No. 396 (California) -- Subject: To Prevent Illegal Entrance at the Mexican Border, the resolving clause reading as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The American Legion in National Convention assembled at St. Louis, Missouri, August 31-September 3, 1953,

call upon the President to use means at his command or to request the Congress to authorize measures to deal with this unprecedented menace to our government, welfare and prosperity.

No. 530 (Oklahoma) -- Subject: Sons of The American Legion Program Be Carried Out in Each Department, the resolving clause reading as follows:

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, in National Convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31 to September 3, 1953, that the Sons of The American Legion program be carried out in each Department insofar as possible.

No. 559 (Texas) -- Subject: National Sons of The American Legion Committee Meet Not Less Than One Time Per Year, the resolving clause of which reads as follows:

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31, September 1-3, 1953, That we go on record asking the National SAL Committee to meet not less than one time per year for the advancement of the SAL program.

No. 560 (Texas) -- Subject: Appoint A Committee to Devise a Widespread Publicity Program For Americanism Program and Means for Financing This Activity, the resolving clause reading as follows:

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled at St. Louis, Missouri, August 31, September 1-3, 1953, That the National Commander be instructed to appoint a proper Committee to devise a widespread publicity program covering American Legion Americanism program and to devise a means for financing this activity for use by the National Americanism Commission.

No. 583 (Convention Americanism Committee Resolution) -- Subject: Oppose Tax Exemption for Foundations that Seek to Develop or Influence Ideas on a National or International Level, the resolving clause reading as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31, September 1, 2, 3, 1953, that an appropriate committee of Congress be asked to investigate and determine the advisability of withdrawing presently existing tax exempt privileges from foundations or projects of foundations that seek to develop or influence ideas or ideologies either on a National or International level.

No. 589 (Convention Americanism Committee Resolution) -- Subject: Approve Legislation Granting Mrs. Josefina Guerrero Permanent Residence in U.S., the resolving clause of which reads as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The American Legion in National Convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31, September 1, 2, 3, 1953, endorse and lend its united support to the prompt and expeditious passage of House Bill, H.R. 2412, presently pending in the 83rd Congress of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Adjutant be authorized and directed to furnish copies of this Resolution to each member of the House and Senate of the 83rd Congress of the United States and the President of the United States, requesting the active support and endorsement of each toward prompt and expeditious passage of House Bill, H.R. 2412 by the 83rd Congress.

No. 602 (Convention Americanism Committee Resolution) -- Subject: Commend Hearst Newspapers for Support of Security and The American Legion Americanism Program, the resolving clause of which reads as follows:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The American Legion in National Convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31, September 1, 2, 3, 1953, does hereby commend the Hearst Newspapers.

No. 603 (Convention Americanism Committee Resolution) -- Subject: Commend Subversive Activities Control Board and Its Chairman, the resolving clause of which reads as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion, in National Convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31-September 3, 1953, that the Subversive Activities Control Board and its Chairman be commended for steady devotion to stern duty under heavy responsibility.

The following Resolutions were approved as amended:

No. 50 (Oregon) -- Subject: Elementary and Secondary Education Include "History of the United States" and "American Civil Government":

The resolving clauses read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31-September 1-3, 1953, that it does hereby recommend to the school authorities of the respective states that they do adopt the following policy:

- (a) No student will be deemed as having completed a course in Elementary and Secondary Education without such courses having included the subject "History of the United States";
- (b) No student will be deemed as having completed a course in Secondary Education without such course having included the subject "American Civil Government".
- (c) That textbooks used for the teaching of the subjects "United States History" and "American Civil Government" present the American point of view and the American philosophy of government without equivocation".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That while The American Legion does not necessarily presume to address itself to the selection of the personnel who may be responsible for the teaching of "United States History" and "American Civil Government", it cannot fail to emphasize that such personnel must be especially qualified for this vital work".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the National Adjutant is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the State Departments of Education of each of the several States.

No. 150 (Maryland) -- Subject: Communism in educational institutions granted Federal Funds.

The resolving clauses now read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the 35th Annual Convention of The American Legion assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, that the Congress of the United States be urged, in the interest of further promoting the general welfare, to withhold aids and grants of federal funds to educational institutions at all levels failing to furnish satisfactory evidence, guaranteeing that all administrative

personnel, teachers, and instructors in said institutions have executed an oath of allegiance or a non-Communist oath or have otherwise proved their loyalty to this country and its Constitution, and that the textbooks and courses of study within such institutions are of a non-subversive character;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the National Legislative Director is hereby mandated to secure the introduction of suitable legislation in the Congress of the United States to implement this resolution.

No. 246 (Illinois) -- Subject: United States History be a required subject in Colleges and Universities.

The resolving clause now reads as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31, September 1, 2, 3, 1953, that The American Legion urge that American universities and colleges make the subjects of United States History and American Economic Principles required subjects before graduation.

No. 252 (Illinois) -- Subject: The American Legion Be The Defender of the American School System Against Subversive Attacks.

The resolving clauses now read as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31, September 1, 2, 3, 1953; that The American Legion protect and defend the loyal teachers and educators against unwarranted Communistic attacks and maintain constant support of loyal teachers and the American school system; and the elimination of the disloyal personnel or those who believe in Communism or socialism, or textbooks or instructors with a Communist slant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The American Legion declares that it does support the investigation and evaluation of the educational system, textbooks and instructional materials and the loyalty of teachers by duly constituted committees of Congress and the respective state legislatures operating under proper safeguards.

No. 303 (Nevada) -- Subject: Oppose Any Changes in Immigration Laws that would break down the present quota system.

The resolving clauses now read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The American Legion in National Convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31, September 1, 2, 3, 1953, reaffirms said action of the National Executive Committee and reaffirms its support of the Immigration and Nationality Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The American Legion opposes any and all attempts to repeal said Public Law 414 of the 82nd Congress or to weaken it by crippling amendments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the National Legislative Commission is directed to take any and all steps necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

No. 356 (Pennsylvania) -- Subject; Outlaw the Communist Party.

RESOLVED that the 35th Annual Convention of The American Legion, assembled at St. Louis, Missouri, that it does hereby respectfully urge that the Congress of the United States enact legislation within the framework of the Constitution of the United States, to outlaw the Communist Party or any organization affiliated therewith, subordinate thereto or controlled thereby; and any other organization having as one of its aims or purposes the seizure or overthrow of the Government of the United States or the Government of any State or political subdivision thereof, by force and violence;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such legislation should further provide that any member of such organizations as above described, or any person employed by contributing to or participating in the activities of any such organizations, shall forfeit all rights of citizenship or to become a citizen, and to provide also suitable penalties therefor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Legislative Director of the American Legion is hereby mandated to draft suitable legislation for submission to Congress to achieve the objectives stated herein.

No. 582 (Originally from Illinois) -- Subject: American Legion policy for fighting communism.

The resolving clause now reads as follows:

RESOLVED, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31-September 3, 1953, that we reiterate and reaffirm our adherence to the condemning, exposing, and combating totalitarian and dictatorial systems of government, masquerading under any name whatsoever by rededicating ourselves to pursue the following principles:

1. We declare that Tass, Moscow Press, serves as an espionage center and lookout station in this country and, therefore, representatives of this association should not be permitted to be present in any conference where matters not solely public are disclosed, and representatives of this agency should be recognized for what they are, as agents of a foreign government rather than reporters of a free press;
2. We commend the representatives of the Department of Justice who have successfully prosecuted leading Communists in America who plotted and preached the overthrow of our Government by force and violence and we urge renewed and continued energetic action on the part of the Department of Justice to carry this successful beginning to a completion whereby all the criminal enemies of America will have been brought to the bar of Justice and will have had meted out to them their appropriate deserts;
3. We assert that the infiltration of Communistic elements and other socialist handmaidens into religion, education, community affairs, labor, government and organizations such as YMCA, YWCA, and community settlement houses, is a stark menace to our freedom, and that such infiltration should be investigated and exposed to the fullest extent, and in this respect we urge that the government of the United States and the governments of the several states be fairly and fully investigated, and that there be eliminated from participation in any governmental body all elements not loyal to our American system, and we further urge that patriotic Americans affiliated with labor, religious, social and community enterprises be encouraged to clean house of any subversive elements in their organizations.
4. We declare our opposition to a one world super-government by such schemes as have been promoted by the One World Federalists, The Atlantic Union, or any other guise or name which would impair the sovereignty of free people of the United States of America;

5. Every Post of The American Legion is urged to serve as an aid to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by referring acts of espionage, sabotage, subversion, and such other acts as are detrimental to the welfare and security of our nation, and that such cooperation be carried out as directed with the agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
6. We oppose the so-called liberal attitudes of universities, colleges, and high schools who invite noted Communist leaders to address the student body, and we declare that such procedure does not serve as an aid to education, but serves solely to furnish a platform and a sounding-board to the invaders of our freedom and enable them to secure an impressionable audience to which to peddle their vicious propaganda;
7. We declare that an "academic freedom" which furnishes a free platform to those who seek to destroy our government but suppresses the teaching of those who would explain and support our way of life, is no freedom at all, but on the contrary is destructive of liberty;
8. War veterans became easy prey to the Communists in 1932, when less than 100 red leaders pretending to be patriotic benefactors organized the Bonus March on Washington, D. C. It is not possible to tell what the next move of our enemies will be, therefore, veterans should be alerted to make inquiries and to understand fully the purpose of any organization before they lend their names or their support to such organization.

The following resolutions were consolidated and approved: Nos. 15 (Colorado) and 350 (Florida) -- Subject: Discharge Teachers and School Heads With Communistic Connections, now known as Resolution No. 15 and the resolving clauses are as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion, in National Convention assembled at St. Louis, Missouri, August 31-September 3, 1953, that:

1. That we call upon constituted educational authorities vigorously to continue their investigation into the Communistic views and leanings, past and present, of the teachers under their jurisdiction.
2. That steps should be taken immediately by all persons in authority to discharge from the school systems of the United States all teachers and school heads with known Communistic connections or who have been members of Communist front organizations, or who have not by affirmative and positive action subsequently renounced such affiliations and made amends for prior errors by positive, affirmative acts promoting Americanism.
3. That we deplore the soft attitude of those few educational authorities and of some small section of the American press toward those teachers and educational personnel who have demonstrated their disloyalty to their country.
4. That we call upon the American people to renew their faith in the system of constitutional government which has brought to them, and to the world, manifest and continuing benefit, and a standard of living unknown in any other age or under any other system and we urge the educators of this country to teach their students to love and respect the American heritage.
5. That we urge the unmasking of those few misguided educators who espouse these monstrous doctrines, to the end that they may be visited with the contempt which their renunciation of their birthright deserves.

The following resolutions were consolidated and approved: Nos. 160 (New York), 193 (North Carolina), 194 (Michigan), 231 (Missouri), 338 (Massachusetts), 382 (California), 491 (Virginia), 513 (Georgia), 529 (Oklahoma), using the number and phraseology of Resolution No. 513 (Georgia), the resolving clause of which is as follows:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the National Organization of The American Legion take appropriate action to restore the number of eligible players to sixteen per team in the Junior Baseball program.

Resolutions Nos. 161 (New York, 402 (California) and 257 (Illinois) --
Subject: Urge Disbarment Proceedings Against Emanuel Bloch, were consolidated and
re-written, using the resolving clauses of Resolution No. 161 (New York), which
resolving clauses read as follows:

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, in thirty-fifth Annual National
Convention assembled, that we urge that disbarment proceedings against
the said Emanuel Bloch be immediately instituted by proper authority;
and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That we deplore the failure of the respective Bar
Association to take appropriate action with regard to the disloyal action
and misconduct of Emanuel Bloch.

Resolutions No. 192 (Wyoming) and No. 156 (Nebraska) -- Subject: American
Indians Be Granted Equal Rights with all other Citizens of the United States, were
consolidated, using the number and phraseology of Resolution No. 192 (Wyoming),
the resolving clause reading as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By National Headquarters, The
American Legion, in its duly assembled 35th Annual National Convention,
held in St. Louis, Missouri, on August 31, September 1, 2 and 3, 1953,
that the Congress of the United States be requested to repeal all
legislation depriving persons of Indian blood of any rights, privileges
or benefits enjoyed by other citizens of the United States in order that
all persons of Indian blood be granted equal rights with all other
citizens of the United States.

Resolutions Nos. 240 (Illinois) and 245 (Illinois) -- Subject: Combat
Communism, Fascism and Nazism, were consolidated, using the number and phraseology
of Resolution No. 240 (Illinois), the resolving clauses reading as follows:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention
assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31, September 1, 2, 3, 1953, ~~that~~
we oppose and strongly combat Communism, Fascism and Nazism; and all other
totalitarian forms of government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the greatest weapon with which to
successfully combat Communism, Fascism and Nazism and its kindred
ideology is education.

Resolutions Nos. 315 (Minnesota) and 243 (Illinois) -- Subject: Commend and Approve of the Work of J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I., were consolidated, using the number and phraseology of Resolution No. 315 (Minnesota), the resolving clause which reads as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The American Legion, in National Convention assembled at St. Louis, Missouri, August 31, September 1, 2, 3, 1953, does hereby praise and commend the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, endorse and declare our unqualified confidence in the Director and the personnel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and pledge our continued support in their outstanding endeavors in defense of American ideals.

Resolutions Nos. 401 (California) and 249 (Illinois) -- Subject: Statement of Principles of Americanism For Teachers, were consolidated, using the number and phraseology of Resolution No. 401 (California), as amended, the resolving clauses reading as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The American Legion in National Convention assembled at St. Louis, Missouri, August 31-September 3, 1953, does recommend that the following statement of principles should be adopted by the educators of this nation as representing "A Statement of Principles of Americanism for Teachers" to be followed by all the schools in the Nation:

1. It is the responsibility of educators to transmit the cultural heritage of America to the younger generation as a basis for the continuing improvement of our society.
2. It is essential therefore, that educators be loyal to the spirit of our American institutions. This loyalty must include acceptance of the principle that changes in these institutions are to be accomplished by legal processes within the framework of the Constitution.
3. A teacher has the duty of developing in his pupils a knowledge of and a devotion to the foundations of the American way of life, namely, the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution, the dignity and worth of the individual, the inviolability of the family, the encouragement of free enterprise consistent with the general good of society and the maintenance of government through elected representatives directly responsible to the people. It is also a teacher's duty to arouse in his pupils an acceptance of the responsibilities which accompany our freedoms. For these purposes, the teacher takes the place of the parents and represents the community during school hours.
4. A teacher is also responsible for guiding children toward truth. This requires not only scholarship but a mental and spiritual integrity

which abhors the perversion of truth to serve the interests of Communism or any other form of totalitarianism. In our democratic society there are divergent points of view on many controversial subjects and the teacher must teach all the facts. Any distortion of "party line" approach would destroy the tradition of American education. A teacher who submits willingly to the authority of the Communist Party or its front organizations, or any authoritarian organization, has thereby voluntarily forfeited the right to teach in the public schools of a free society.

5. The public has the right to expect its teachers to adhere to the principles enunciated in this statement. As agents of the public, the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools have the duty of insuring the fitness of individual teachers. To do this, it is entirely reasonable for the Board of Education or the Superintendent of Schools to question teachers about overt acts of disloyalty, or about membership in organizations or groups dedicated to the destruction of the American way of life. Such investigation of a vital factor of a person's fitness to enjoy the privilege of teaching in a public school is no infringement of either individual rights or academic freedom.

6. A teacher who advocates the overthrow of our American form of government by force and violence, or who knowingly belongs to an organization dedicated to such ends, or who refuses to answer questions concerning such beliefs or membership, is unfit to teach in American schools and should be dismissed.

Resolutions Nos. 261 (Illinois) and 403 (California) -- Subject; Oppose Admission of Several Hundred Thousand Additional Displaced Persons, were consolidated, using the number and text of Resolution No. 403 (California, as amended) which resolving clause reads as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The American Legion in National Convention assembled at St. Louis, Missouri, August 31-September 3, 1953, does hereby petition the President of the United States and the Congress to oppose any legislation that would open our shores to admit persons, escapees, expellees other than those admitted under Public Law #203 of the 83rd Congress and/or the McCarran Walter Act, Public Law #414.

Resolutions Nos. 373 (Indiana), 76 (South Dakota), 122 (Arkansas), 217 (D.C.), 244 (Illinois), 259 (Illinois), 304 (Nevada), 558 (D.C.) -- Subject: Commend Congressional Committees Investigating Subversive Elements Undermining Our Form of Government, were consolidated, using the language and number of Resolution No. 373 (Indiana), as amended, the resolving clause reading as follows:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The American Legion in Convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31 to September 3, go on record heartily commending the House Un-American Activities Committee, the Internal Security Sub-Committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Senate Permanent Sub-Committee on Investigations for their forthright and courageous investigations of the subversive elements undermining our form of American Government and we urge that individual members of The American Legion support these important committees of our Congress to the fullest degree possible in the future. We also recommend that adequate funds be provided for the work of these Committees.

Resolutions Nos. 454 (Washington) and 144 (Ohio) -- Subject: Commemorative Stamp for Francis Bellamy, Author of Pledge of Allegiance, were consolidated, using the phraseology and number of Resolution No. 454 (Washington), the resolving clause reading as follows:

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled at St. Louis, Missouri, August 31-September 3, 1953:

That this Convention approve and carry forward to the Postmaster General of the United States the issuance of a postal stamp commemorating that great American, Francis Bellamy, whose life was dedicated to fostering a spirit of patriotism and Americanism in his securing the placing of United States of America Flags in the school houses throughout our country and in his drafting of our nationally used Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolutions Nos. 64 (Oregon), 216 (D.C.), 260 (Illinois), 316 (Minnesota) 528 (Oklahoma), all pertaining to the Establishment of Office of Subversive Activities and other Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C., were consolidated, amended and re-written, using the phrasology and number of Resolution No. 64 (Oregon), as re-written, which resolving clause reads as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31, September 1, 2, 3, 1953, that the office and staff of the Un-American and Subversive Activities Section of the National Americanism Commission be established in the Washington Headquarters.

Resolutions Nos. 77 (South Dakota) and 455 (Washington) -- Subject: Entertainment Industry to Remove and Deny Right to Employment of All Supporters of Communism, were consolidated and amended and re-written and the resolving clauses are as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The American Legion in National Convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31, September 1, 2, 3, 1953, commend heartily those employers in the entertainment field, particularly the major motion picture studios, who are doing an honest and forthright job of ferreting out and suppressing Communists and Communist sympathizers, as well as Communist propaganda, and further instruct the Americanism Commission to continue relentlessly to work toward a complete removal from the field of entertainment of all Communists, Communist frontiers and Communist propaganda.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The American Legion Magazine shall henceforth contain in each issue information in summary of the latest developments in the field of subversion and Un-American Activities to be prepared by the staff of the National Americanism Commission in cooperation with the editors of The American Legion Magazine.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 19, 1953

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS

ATTN: D. M. LADD,
THE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: REPORT OF COMMITTEE
ON AMERICANISM
AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION
St. Louis, Missouri.
August 31 through September 3, 1953

Inspector LEE PENNINGTON personally furnished the written today a complete report on the Committee On Americanism, which is enclosed herewith.

The Bureau's attention is specifically called to Page 16, Resolution No. 335, which commends and approves the work of the Director and the F.B.I. Particular attention is also called to Page 13, Paragraph 5, which urges every Post of the American Legion to cooperate with the F.B.I.

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TO : Mr. Ladd *DL*

DATE: September 15, 1953

FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*

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I received a telephone call from William Hauck, Assistant National Adjutant of the American Legion, yesterday evening asking that the Director be the speaker at the ~~NATIONAL~~ National Executive Committee banquet of the American Legion, at the Indianapolis Athletic Club, Indianapolis, Indiana, on the evening of October 16, 1953.

Mr. Hauck stated that he had received a long distance call from the new National Commander of the Legion, Arthur Connell, asking that Mr. Hoover be the speaker of the evening. I informed Mr. Hauck that the Director has made no addresses for a considerable period; that recently I approached him to address certain National gatherings and he had informed me that due to the press of work and his very heavy schedule of commitments, he would be unable to do so.

This memorandum is being prepared inasmuch as Mr. Hauck strongly requested that I put the matter up to Mr. Hoover personally to determine whether it would be possible for him to appear at Indianapolis on October 16, 1953. Mr. Hauck stated that the Director is definitely his first choice and pending advice from me he will not ask anyone else to be the speaker on that occasion.

cc Mr. Nichols

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I am sorry I can't work this in.

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*Wm. Hauck, Asst Natl
Adjutant, American Legion
advised*

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DIRECTOR FBI URGENT

HAVE LEARNED TODAY FROM CHIEF I. B. BRUCE, COLORADO SPRINGS, THAT A LOS ANGELES POLICE OFFICER PASSED THROUGH COLORADO SPRINGS ENROUTE TO ST. LOUIS WHERE HE WILL SERVE AS SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION. THIS OFFICER STATED HE WILL ATTEMPT TO HELP CHIEF PARKER ADOPT A RESOLUTION ENDORSING PARKERS NATIONAL CLEARING HOUSE IDEA, FURTHER THAT PARKER PRESENTED THE MATTER TO CONGRESS BUT WAS DEFEATED BY DIRECTOR HOOVER. SUGGEST PENNINGTON BE INFORMED AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TAKEN.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1953

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Transmit the following message to: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS

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EX-127 CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS, RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS). FOR YOUR INFORMATION GOVERNOR GEORGE CRAIG OF INDIANA HAS INDICATED HE WILL CALL UPON ME TO DISCUSS CIVIL RIGHTS. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SUBMIT AN UP-TO-DATE ONE-PARAGRAPH SYNOPSIS ON ALL CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATIONS OPENED SINCE JULY FIRST, NINETEEN FIFTY-THREE, IN WHICH YOUR OFFICE IS OFFICE OF ORIGIN. IN ADDITION, YOU SHOULD ADVISE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOUR OFFICE AND GOVERNOR CRAIG PARTICULARLY IN REGARD TO CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS. YOUR REPLY SHOULD REACH THE BUREAU NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER TWENTY-EIGHT, NINETEEN FIFTY-THREE.

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Follow-up made for September 28, 1953.

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TO : Mr. Ladd *PL*
 FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*

DATE: September 8, 1953

SUBJECT: NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE
AMERICAN LEGION, St. Louis, Missouri,
August 31 - September 3, 1953.

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Upon receipt of a telephone call from Mr. Nichols on 9/8/53, in which it appeared that a Los Angeles Police Officer had stated he would attempt to help Chief of Police Parker of Los Angeles adopt a resolution endorsing Parker's National Clearing House idea, I immediately contacted the convention's resolution assignment clerk, Mrs. Verna Grimm. All resolutions with the exception of California had already been distributed to the various committees. I thereafter reviewed all California resolutions to the convention (between 50 and 60) and was unable to locate any endorsing Parker's plan. The resolutions assignment clerk had a brief resume of the approximately 600 resolutions submitted from all sources to the convention, and I thereafter reviewed these but was unable to locate any resolution endorsing Parker's National Clearing House idea.

For your information, in addition to resolutions sent in from the 56 Departments of the American Legion, Convention Committees are empowered to originate resolutions. The assignment clerk did not know in what Committee such a resolution might appear, but suggested that it might originate in Americanism, Internal Operations, or Civil Defense. As I was serving on Americanism I was definitely able to ascertain that no such resolution was in that Committee. I thereafter contacted D. C. members of the other two committees, but neither believed such a resolution had originated in either of their committees. However, I made it a point to be on the floor of the convention when Internal Operations and Civil Defense reported and no resolution endorsing Parker's plan was presented to the convention.

I had a further talk with subordinate employees of the National Commander's office and one of them appeared to remember some correspondence pertaining to the subject. Lewis Gough, the outgoing National Commander, was from California and the employee believed that Parker had some correspondence with him. I do not believe it advisable to have any inquiries made through the Indianapolis Field Office, but when I go to Indianapolis about the middle of October for the Department Commanders and Adjutants meeting I will endeavor to locate this correspondence and make sure it is not presented to either the Department Commanders and Adjutants or the National Executive Committee.

cc Mr. Nichols
 Miss Gandy
 Mr. Simpson

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Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

Concerning the furore created by Governors Shivers, Fine, Dewey and Battles, I had several discussions concerning the subject, pointing out the Bureau's position. Frank Clements, Governor of Tennessee, a former Bureau Agent, definitely understands our position and wanted the Director to know that if he could be of any assistance in this controversy he would be very glad to have the Director call him.

I also discussed the matter with Governor George Craig of Indiana, thoroughly explaining the Bureau's position and he stated that in addition to the four Governors who had publicly spoken on the subject there were about 20 Governors who felt rather strongly on the subject. I specifically informed him that these investigations are made upon specific instructions of the Attorney General through the Criminal Division of the Department. He stated he expected to be in Washington within the next thirty days and would very much like to have the opportunity of discussing the subject with Mr. Hoover. George Craig, both as Department Commander and National Commander of the Legion, has been very cooperative with the Bureau and it is my recommendation that Mr. Hoover discuss the subject with him.

I talked to several members of the Texas delegation, among them Ward Moody, Department Adjutant, and a man whose name I didn't get but who was supposed to be an aide to Governor Shivers. I told both Moody and this other man that I thought Maurice Acers was doing a hell of a job in lack of cooperation both with the Bureau and the Governor, inasmuch as Acers was thoroughly conversant with our policy in handling civil rights investigations. I asked both gentlemen to relay my statement to Acers.

The National Convention passed an excellent resolution concerning the Director and personnel of the Bureau and I gave SAC Joseph Thornton a copy of Americanism Resolutions September 3, 1953, which contained only the resolving clause of the resolution in favor of the Bureau. The resolution used originated with the Department of Minnesota and was consolidated with one from Illinois, the verbiage of the Minnesota Resolution being used. There was also another resolution before the convention which originated with the Department of Illinois which was referred to the convention as an anti-subversive statement of policy. It contained thirteen recommendations for adoption, one of which urged the American Legion to serve as an aide to the FBI for detecting acts of espionage, sabotage, subversive and such other acts as are detrimental to the welfare of our nation and to the prosecution of war against the Communist enemy in Korea or elsewhere. Through a member of the National Americanism Commission I was able to change the verbiage requesting every post of the American Legion to serve as an aide to the FBI by referring acts of espionage,

Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

etc. and that such cooperation be carried out as directed by Agents of the FBI.

I am attaching hereto several circulars which were being disseminated around the convention as follows:

1. A summary on the Farmers Union prepared by Victor Overcash, National Executive Committeeman, Montana.

2. ~~Exposure~~ published monthly by Americanism Committee, American Legion Post No. 69, Springfield, Missouri.

3. ~~Spotlight~~ published monthly by the Un-American Activities Committee of Post No. 41, Syracuse, New York.

4. Reprint of editorial from the Indianapolis Star which was distributed by Joe C. Jenkins, a member of the National Americanism Commission.

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ATTENTION PRESS, RADIO, AND COMMUNITY CIVIC, VETERAN'S, CHURCH AND PATRIOTIC GROUPS--Because the ROSENBERG CASE proved that millions of people will fall for the Communist line and confusion tactics, and because it was a success in its propaganda value, a new committee is in the making. This committee is out to get a new trial for MORTON SOBELL, a N.Y. electronics and radar expert who was indicted and tried with the ROSENBERGS. He was convicted with them and sentenced to thirty years in prison.

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, which was the directing organization for the ROSENBERGS will spear-head the campaign for SOBELL...with the help of SOBELL'S wife, HELEN. She will give a report of her recent visit with her imprisoned husband, Morton Sobell, when she speaks at the Bronx Rosenberg meeting at Hunt's Point Palace, 163 St. and Southern Blvd, Bronx, on Wednesday, Aug. 19." (DAILY WORKER 8/14/53). Worker also states that Mrs. Sobell has been on a "nation-wide speaking tour".

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE will run ads for SOBELL in the papers and will dissolve and be replaced by SOBELL's committee, which will be divided into three sections of the country, namely WEST, MIDWEST, AND EAST. They will be autonomous, but will constantly consult on strategy.

Although there is little chance that SOBELL will be freed, the effort will be worthwhile if they can get the Commies, Fronsters and Dupes who signed for the ROSENBERGS to petition for a new trial for SOBELL. A new trial would cast doubts on U.S. justice, and thus help smear America abroad and hurt our fight against Communism here at home.

READERS CAN HELP BY WARNING ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THEY LIVE ABOUT THIS COMMUNIST PLOT. LET US AT LEAST KEEP THE DUPES FROM BECOMING INVOLVED IN IT.

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REVEREND STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN--The Reverend parish minister for The First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, gave testimony in executive session Sept. 1951. Testimony was released July 31, 1953, after being examined by the full Committee on Un-American Activities. It is just another case of standing on the Fifth Amendment not once but many, many times, throughout the hearing. Here is an example of one of the questions:

Mr. Wheeler (Investigator-Ed.) Do you believe that the Communist Party could constitute violence against American Citizens?

Rev. Fritchman. I decline to answer that question on the grounds that it may tend to incriminate or degrade me.

For the full testimony, write Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...YOU CAN'T BE DELICATE ABOUT FIGHTING COMMUNISM. YOU DON'T GO SKUNK HUNTING WITH A TOP HAT AND A LACE HANDKERCHIEF.--Senator William Jenner.

The above from the August 1953 issue of The Right Hand, printed by Trident Printing Corp., 561 South Clinton Street, Syracuse 2, New York.

DR. LUTHER EVANS--The Post Standard of Syracuse, N.Y., is to be commended on bringing before the public, in an editorial, the remarks of Dr. Evans regarding the employment of Communists in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

"Membership in the Communist Party is not automatically a bar to employment with UNESCO," says Dr. Evans. This man is a citizen of the United States and a former librarian of Congress. He is now director-general of UNESCO.

The Post Standard points out, "He then elaborates on this mouthful of questionable wisdom by saying it is not the policy of the UN to bar Communists, provided there is evidence that the individual concerned is not engaged in overthrowing his own or a member state's government."

The Post Standard in answer to Dr. Evans says: "People lose their respect for the UNESCO, and more especially for the UN, because of this fuzzy-wuzzy type of reasoning. Apparently, world history has meant nothing to Dr. Evans, for he still thinks that Communists are simply another political party, like the Democrats and Republicans, when he attempts to differentiate between good Communists and bad Communists.

It is astonishing, at this late date, to find any intelligent human being in a responsible position who thinks as Dr. Evans does. It is just as futile to attempt to find a leopard without spots or a zebra without stripes. It simply is not the nature of the beast. Communism, by its very definition, is dedicated to the overthrow of every government which is not itself Communist."

HAIL FELLOW "REACTIONARIES"--Anyone who resists the efforts of the Communist party to spread their poison are called "reactionaries". The American Legion is one of the organizations so named. We of the Legion are proud to be in such splendid company with those boys who came back from the "hell holes" of North Korea and who resisted to the very end the propaganda of these "merchants of untruth and confusion", the Communists.

Would not any person reading of the atrocities visited on our good American boys and after seeing pictures of the stretcher cases that were brought back, feel that the least that could be done would be to learn more about Communism and to actively do something about it? Remember those boys were called "reactionaries". And in the sense that they were named as "reactionaries", let us have more civilians in the same category.

Be a fellow "reactionary" by speaking out against smears of our Congressional Committees and our informed anti-Communists, by resisting the half truths, and demanding to know the whole truth on Communism in this country. The truth is to be had if you wish it. Write your Congressional committees and obtain some of their reports, and see for yourself if there is need of these investigations. Read such publications as the National Republic, Washington, D.C.; Counterattack, 55 West 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y.; The Brooklyn Tablet, Brooklyn 17, N. Y.; and many more publications where you can read the truth which we will publish in future issues.

OUR ACADEMIC HUCKSTERS--This article by E. Merrill Root, was run in The American Legion magazine and has been reprinted by courtesy of that magazine by The National Research Bureau, Inc., 415 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. It tells the story of how left-wing supersalesmen operating under the slogan of "academic freedom" exploit youth's desire to fight for the underdog and build a better world. Business men, fraternal, service and civic organizations should send for copies.

FRANK C. LOVE AND THE UNITED NATIONS--Every service club and civic organization should take advantage of the information that MR. LOVE, Past Department Commander of the State of New York, American Legion, can give on this vital subject.

Mr. Love may be contacted through Post 41, American Legion, 123 S. Clinton St., Syracuse, N.Y.

We need more men of the caliber of Frank C. Love to go into the highways and byways giving the true story of the U.N. If you do not think so, read the following:

At a series of meetings of the National Executive Committee of the American Legion held April 29-May 1, 1953, a resolution was passed calling on all American Schools to "cease and desist" from the use of educational materials of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) propounding world citizenship and adherence to a nebulous world government as a criteria of education of American citizens. The National Executive Committee also urged further the complete cancellation of future appropriations by the United States to the support and operation of UNESCO under the provision of law which forbids contributions to any international organization which promotes the principles of world government or world citizenship.

"Determined plotters who wish to destroy our way of life, capture our wealth and enslave our people have declared war against our Americanism" and "have infiltrated into the United Nations and are using the UNESCO to corrupt the minds of our children by destroying their love of country," the resolution said.

Through the United States contributions to UNESCO, American taxpayers are paying taxes to print such statements as: "Our Country belongs to the United Nations, which is the most important organization that has ever been created on this earth. You are now a part of it." Another attributed quotation specifically pointed out reads: "Our children should be educated to prepare themselves for citizenship in a world society. As long as the child breathes the poisoned air of nationalism, education in world mindedness can produce only precarious results. It is frequently the family that infects the child with extreme nationalism. The school should therefore combat family attitudes that favor jingoism."

AMERICANS, LEARN MORE OF WHAT IS GOING ON BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES. LOOK INTO THIS AND DEMAND ACTION THAT WILL PROMOTE REAL, TRUE PATRIOTISM, AND NOT THE PRINCIPLES OF WORLD GOVERNMENT OR WORLD CITIZENSHIP. LET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES IN GOVERNMENT KNOW THAT YOU DO NOT WISH YOUR TAX MONEY USED TO PROMOTE ANY FORM OF GOVERNMENT OTHER THAN THAT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

CONSTITUTION DAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1953--On September 17, 1787, our Constitution was born. By habit or conscience aim, the word "Citizenship" is being substituted for the word "Constitution". By itself, the word "citizenship" can lead anywhere that an uninformed or subversive person wishes it. Russia has citizenship. Mussolini's Italy had it, and so did Hitler's Germany. But only we have the Constitution of the United States of America. SO LET US NOT HAVE ANY MORE CITIZENSHIP DAY ON SEPTEMBER 17th, BUT LET US MAKE IT WHAT IT IS, "CONSTITUTION DAY." Write your Congressman and let him know how you feel on this subject.

A CALL FOR SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA PUBLICATIONS AND THROW-AWAYS---Throughout the City of Syracuse and other communities, Communist propaganda is being passed through the mails or other means. Many people just throw it away and others keep it and don't know what to do with it. It is of the greatest importance that the F.B.I. know of the existence of any material in circulation that is Communist or Fascist propaganda. If you wish to help, send anything you receive or find to the F.B.I. or to the American Legion, address on back page. We will see that it reaches the proper destination.

FIFTH AMENDMENT--Since our June issue of Spotlight, many have paraded before the Congressional Committees and have invoked the Fifth Amendment.

At the Onondaga County American Legion Convention held at Skaneateles, N. Y., June 20, 1953, a Guide to Citizenship Action in Preserving Freedom of Expression Against Communism and Other Tyranny was adopted. Under "Investigations are Safeguards", you will find this paragraph on the use of the Fifth Amendment: "Americans should not hesitate to testify in matters regarding loyalty and the national security; nor should a loyal citizen have need of the protection of the Fifth Amendment. Anyone who hides behind the Fifth Amendment at once creates a strong presumption that he places self-interest above loyalty to our country."

The Guide to Citizenship Action was compiled by a joint committee from the faculties of Lemoyne College and Syracuse University, meeting at the invitation of the Onondaga County American Legion.

Our October Spotlight will give you a report of those who have invoked the Fifth Amendment.

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A WARNING TO OVER-ZEALOUS OR UNINFORMED ANTI-COMMUNISTS -- An article by VICTOR LASKY in the AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE of August 1953, reminds us that the fact that a person's name appears in an index to Congressional reports does not necessarily mean that there is something wrong with the person so listed. It merely indicates that the person's name was mentioned in the course of a hearing. Check the reference material before drawing any conclusions. About the controversial RED CHANNELS, the author states: "This booklet is one of the most important anti-Communist source books (ed. note: in the entertainment field) yet; if not evaluated properly, the material it contains can do harm to the anti-Communist cause. In the words of the foreward to RED CHANNELS, "Every safeguard must be used to protect innocents and genuine liberals from being unjustly labeled." In the more than three years since RED CHANNELS' publication, a score or so of those listed have made their pro-American position clear. They should not be punished for past stupidities.

"Therefore, if some action against someone listed in RED CHANNELS is contemplated, ...check with the publishers, COUNTERATTACK, 55 West 42nd St., New York, N.Y."

Matt Cvetic, of "I Was a Communist for the FBI" fame, agrees that RED CHANNELS is an informative compilation of Communists and C.P. frontiers in entertainment. Vincent Hartnett, author of RED CHANNELS, is an expert on infiltration of Reds into the entertainment field. Mr. Hartnett was principal speaker at the Onondaga County American Legion Convention on June 20, 1953.

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A SALUTE TO THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS (AFofL) for printing in their official weekly THE MACHINIST (May 21, 1953), the list of 192 organizations cited by the Attorney General as subversive. The union also cautioned its members "Know what you join".

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FREE ENTERPRISE AT WORK--This was the caption we used in our August 1952 issue of Spotlight in describing how the NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION had entered on a program of informing their employees and the general public of the dangers and pitfalls of the Communist conspiracy. One year has passed, and the racks still carry pertinent information that will help the people of this and other communities to better understand what we are fighting. It becomes apparent that here is a group of businessmen that are aware of the dangers that beset us. HOW ABOUT OTHER BUSINESS PLACES DOING THE SAME?

THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN TAKES THE PLUNGE AND USES COMMUNIST-RUN FEDERATED PRESS (FP)
This is the press service used by the DAILY WORKER and its other counterparts in the U. S.

In the August 3, 1953 issue of the Guardian under the date-line of "DENVER (FP)", an article appeared concerning a resolution by a "meeting of Young Democrats" calling for the circulation of the CP line books (banned in government libraries overseas) to other libraries at home and abroad. This "brilliantly conceived project" is being pushed by the Communist DAILY WORKER and a few misguided liberals.

The editor of the GUARDIAN recently appeared before a Senate investigative committee and subsequently was ordered for deportation.

FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISTS AND FRONTERS IN THE ENTERTAINMENT FIELD WEAKENED--In June, Equity (Actors Equity Assn.) held its annual election. There was a "Regular" slate which did not take a strong anti-Communist position. The other slate was an "Independent" slate which declared that "Communism is the Number 1 problem facing all unions today."

The anti-Communists (Independents) elected only Thomas Mitchell and Lois Wilson. The Regulars, in winning, placed Communist fronters Kim Hunter and Joseph Anthony in council seats.

This election showed the apathy and lack of understanding of Communism which is prevalent today. Had the good people of Equity listened to the facts, and had they taken an interest in the election, the union would be in a strong position to counteract the Communists, and therefore could have contributed much to fighting this menace throughout the United States.

THE WEAVERS--We get this bit of information from THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER of July 31, 1953: "The Weavers dissolved as a singing group and Decca bought off their contract. Goodnight, Irene..."

FROM ALFRED KOHLBERG'S OPEN LETTER TO PAUL HOFFMAN, CHAIRMAN FOR THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC DATED JUNE 16, 1953--There is so much talk about "bookburning" these days, that I think you will find the following from Alfred Kohlberg's letter rather interesting:

"The new President of your Fund, Rep. Case of New Jersey, says its activities are to be 'directed toward the elimination of restrictions on freedom of thought, inquiry and expression in the U.S.' May I suggest that elimination, like charity, should begin at home.

"Last month the ALL-AMERICAN CONFERENCE TO COMBAT COMMUNISM met in Washington, D.C. It claims as members 55 national organizations, who in turn claim a total of 50,000,000 members. The fourth issue of its 'Freedom Facts' was ready for distribution. Instead, it was whispered at the Convention, the entire issue was ordered destroyed because of criticisms of the Ford Foundation, and possibly of Sen. Fulbright. The All-American Conference denies that this was the cause of the burning, saying 'The issue was policy and timing.' Fortunately, a few copies were saved from the flames. I attach photo-offset copy, slightly reduced in size.

"The burning of this publication is a real 'restriction on freedom of thought, inquiry and expression in the U.S.', and Ford Foundation seems involved. It seems to lend substance to rumors of a leftist reign of terror in academic and publishing circles, which has scared the daylights out of Big Business and the foundations, and makes them fear identification with Red Baiting, McCarthyism, Reactionaries and Controversy in general.

"Beginning with Karl Marx himself, the Commies have been living on stupid Capitalist largesse. The enclosed letter from Marx to Engels was written in 1851, three years after the Communist Manifesto. It is similar to hundreds of others in this 4 volume collection, originally published by the Marx-Engels Institute in Moscow. The English edition, censored down to one volume, omits

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"Would you consider subsidizing the translation and publication of these four volumes in English? It might save a few future Hisses and Remingtons from the primrose path of treason, and would carry out Pres. Eisenhower's Dartmouth statement, last Sunday, 'How will we defeat Communism unless we know what it is?' Maybe the 'bookburning' he referred to was the burning of 'Freedom's Facts'".

Write Alfred Kohlberg, 1 West 37th Street, New York 18, N. Y., for the full text of the letter, and receive the copy of the Marx to Engels letter and the photo-offset of Freedom Facts.

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FLORENCE BEAN JAMES--The following information on Florence Bean James is only part of what is available in the files of "FILE 13" authorized by Vincent W. Hartnett, former Naval Intelligence officer, presently Lt. Comdr. in the Naval Reserve (inactive), and independent radio producer-writer in his own right. Mr. Hartnett studied Communist theory and practice at the University of Notre Dame under Dr. Waldemar Gurian, and is a consultant to numerous federal and local law enforcement agencies.

FILE 13 tells us that Mrs. BURTON W. JAMES (FLORENCE BEAN JAMES) "With her husband, was formerly co-director of the SEATTLE REPERTORY PLAYHOUSE. In 1930 was appointed an assistant professor of English at the University of Washington, and with her husband headed the department of dramatic arts there. She was dismissed in 1938. Lived in Seattle, Washington, for about 25 yrs. Resident of New York, as of 1952. On her transfer to New York, began to play a leading role in theatre organizational work."

Reported as:

Communist Party USA "In testimony before the Joint Legislative Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, State of Washington, (Canwell Committee), numerous witnesses, all of them former Communist Party members, identified Mrs. Florence Bean James as a Communist." (Names of witnesses and portion of testimony in File 13. Lack of space prevents our listing here--Ed)

Seattle Repertory
Playhouse

"The former Public Relations Officer at Ft. Lewis, Wash., testified before the Canwell Committee that soldiers from the fort complained that BURTON JAMES, FLORENCE BEAN JAMES and AL OTTENHEIMER were leaders of a group from the SRP trying to indoctrinate them with Communism. Second Report, p. 241."

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against American boys in Korea; and the rest of which is being stockpiled against the day when the big Commie push against the free world takes place.

We're sorry more people can't get the monthly AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, for it's one of the most militant anti-Communist mags in the country. An editorial in the June issue is worth reprinting here:

"Now and then storms of protest have been aroused by articles published in this magazine. References to subversives in government have brought heated charges of 'partisan politics.' Mention of reds and pinks in education have resulted in the accusation that we are trying to destroy the nation's schools. Discussions of commies and commie-minded people in any field—publishing, entertainment, the law, etc.—have invariably brought bitter denunciation that we are invaders of civil rights, destroyers of the Constitution, red-baiters, fascists, Witch-hunters and liars.

"We wonder if the people who become so hysterical over our anti-communist articles are reading the papers these days. For months, now, we have witnessed the sad spectacle of government employees, teachers, writers, actors and others exposing

themselves by their cowardly refusal to talk about their service to communism.

"As this tragedy unfolds, we cannot help thinking about those who roundly denounced us when we exposed the facts now being further confirmed. Are they likely to concede that they were wrong—

"Don't be silly. These people, or most of them, are now the ones who croak: 'Communism is bad, of course, but not nearly as dangerous as McCarthyism.'"

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Say, by the way, why do you suppose there was that recent Communist plot to kill McCarthy? The Commie press in this country has long used the Wisconsin Senator as a tool to try to divide the people. And they've succeeded admirably, as you'll discover whenever McCarthy's name is mentioned.

Why, then, should they suddenly decide to assassinate McCarthy? You reckon he's hurting someone?

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According to the Daily Worker, their subscription drive for Kansas City and the state of Missouri has recently reached 60% of the quota.

For a subscription to EXPOSURE, send ONE DOLLAR to: EXPOSURE, American Legion Post 69 Memorial Plaza, Springfield, Mo. We will appreciate your help in our fight on communism.

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"The American LEGION is the strongest tool in the hands of the monopolists. With the aid of its armed Legionnaires, American reaction terrorizes the workers. The Legion is a fascist organization. It is a weapon in the hands of the American reaction in its struggle against the progressive movement, a weapon of attack against the democratic character and interests of the American people!"

We thought our readers would enjoy the above quote. We think it proves something. It was a part of a broadcast from Moscow Radio, beamed to the Russian people not too long ago. The Russians hate democracy, and, particularly, they hate those who work for democracy. That's why it should be so pleasing to all Legionnaires to know what the Russians think of our organization. When the Russkies start calling you "fascists", that means they're afraid of you. In our book, that's good. It proves that the Legion must be doing a job, and that the Russkies are hurting.

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Here's something else for Moscow Radio to scream about. Our purpose, as announced six issues ago, is to hit Communism where it will do the most good. And to concentrate on hurting them on the home-front level. Up to now, we've held our fire

pretty steadily on home grown Commies. We've shown you how they try to reach into your pockets for dollars which will be used to support Communist front movements.

But the Russians in Moscow are trying to reach into your pockets, too. And the arm of the Kremlin is a long one. It may seem incredible to you that the men in the Kremlin have actually succeeded in taking dollars out of Springfield. But it's true. And in turn, they'll continue to take our dollars until we wake up to what's going on.

First, before offering our proof, it's necessary to understand something about the world money supply. At present, the American dollar is the most eagerly sought monetary unit in the entire world. From the plains of Argentina to the wilds of Tibet, from Iceland to Siam, the American dollar will be accepted by even the littlest merchant in preference to any other unit of exchange—except, of course, gold, which is hard to come by.

By the same token, the Russian Ruble is regarded in these same quarters with the same suspicion as cigar coupons. There are many reasons for this, the principal one being that the money of a country is no better than the government behind it.

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Thus, if you are a small rubber merchant in, say, eastern Asia, and if you have the morals of a blackguard and the soul of Satan, your primary interest is to sell your product for all the traffic will bear. And if you can sell it on the black market, instead of at the current pegged price, so much the better. You know that rubber is a needed war commodity, and that because the Russian need is more desperate than ours, the Russians are the obvious ones to whom your rubber crop should be sold.

But there's a commercial gimmick involved. You don't want Russian rubles because you've discovered that the exchange rate in your country isn't beneficial. So, when the Russkies come dealing, you tell them that you're perfectly agreeable to doing business with them, but that you want your payoff in American dollars, which, in turn, you can use to buy the little woman a Frigidaire, or a Carrier air-conditioning system, at the big department store, in the capitol.

Now, the Russians are on a spot. They want the rubber. Want it at any cost. But they have to make the payoff in dollars. The next thing, then, is to get a supply of dollars. And where's the best place to do that? Why, in the United States, where a poor, downtrodden workman (as the Russkies describe him) carries home about eighty or ninety dollars each Friday night. And the only way to get those dollars is to sell the Americans something they need or want.

Here's the way it works. Take Czechoslovakia, for instance. This once-proud republic is now a Russian satellite. The poor Czechs caught behind the Iron Curtain have become virtual slaves. They're being made to work at jobs the Russians have chosen for them. They're being made to work for wages set by the State. They have absolutely no control over what they'll produce,

or the money they'll be paid for producing it.

Because all of Czechoslovakia is one huge slave labor camp, Moscow is making a profit. The Czechs, for decades, have been known as fine craftsmen. They're particularly skilled at making fine jewelry. Much of this jewelry is of the costume variety, and much of it is quite expensive. Much of it holds appeal to the American woman who likes something different.

So the factories of Czechoslovakia are humming. All kinds of fancy trinkets are being turned out. Not for the wives and sweethearts of the Czechs, but for the export market.

And some of those trinkets are finding their way right here into our Springfield stores. A woman subscribed phoned one of the members of the Americanism Committee just the other day.

"I saw a lovely little silver pin," she said. "The price seemed right and I was about to buy it. Then I happened to notice the stamp on the back, 'Made in Czechoslovakia'."

She didn't buy. But she was only one out of dozens of women customers who admired the pin that day. And certainly one of the most astute. For someone else bought the pin, and there are more pins available for the unwary.

You ask, "How can this happen? How can we do business with countries in the Russian orbit?"

We don't know the answer to that one.

But we do know this: It was estimated that during the year of 1952, American buyers spent more than fifty million dollars for products produced behind the Iron Curtain. Not one person in a hundred would have bought a Russian-sponsored product had that person known what was really happening.

A man acquaintance of one of our committee members, a man who lives in a nearby town, and who runs a restaurant there, confessed recently that he'd been called to task by a Legionnaire. The man had bought a Polish ham to serve his customers. He'd bought it because he'd heard somewhere that Polish hams were good. And, naturally, the price was right. He'd been so proud of his purchase that he'd told everyone that the ham had come all the way from Poland. Then the Legionnaire told him a few of the economic facts of life.

"I was a boob," he admitted later. "Sure, I guess I knew the Russians had taken over Poland. But I just didn't think."

The Russians think a lot of us are boobs. And the fifty million our people paid Stalin in 1952 is pretty good proof that they're right. But you, our readers, can join us in stopping this thing.

Very shortly, department stores and other retail outlets are going to start laying in their supply of Christmas goods. They'll spend several millions for Christmas tree ornaments alone. Many of these ornaments are being produced behind the Iron Curtain and they're finding their way into American channels of commerce.

We suggest that next time you're in your favorite store, you ask to talk to the buyer. We suggest that you tell that buyer not to let himself get caught with Russian sponsored goods. We suggest that you mail him your copy of EXPOSURE, once you're finished with it. Buyers are naturally interested in price; in buying something which they can feature competitively. If the product is good—and some Russian imports are good—the busy buyer isn't going to spend too much time asking questions. Not because he lacks patriotism. But, simply, because he's too busy to think about all the possible ramifications of the deal he's making.

The time has come, however, for the buyer of wholesale merchandise to be alert. Stores all over the country are aiding the Russian cause, and most of them are doing it innocently. The items for which you should be particularly watchful are glassware, jewelry, imported china, rare foods (principally fish and caviar), furs and cameras.

Let's talk about cameras and binoculars for a moment, since the average American is often interested in both. The Zeiss line of binoculars and cameras has long been regarded as one of the best. The Zeiss line is still being made in Germany, as many buyer of cameras and binoculars know.

But, since the war, there have been some changes made.

No Zeiss binoculars are being produced in the western, or U. S. zone of Germany. All of the glasses which are being produced today come from the Eastern, or Russian zone. And many of them are being exported to the United States.

So, if you're buying binoculars for your summer vacation, or for your fall hunting trip, DON'T BUY ZEISS.

In the camera field, there are two distinct Zeiss lines. One line of cameras is being produced under Russian sponsorship. The other line is being produced under American sponsorship in the western zone. We agree with the AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE that this is all pretty confusing. But if you're going to buy a Zeiss camera, you can make certain that you get the right one by writing Carl Zeiss, Inc., 435 Fifth Avenue, New York City. This firm handles Zeiss goods legitimately made in the U. S. Zone.

We think you realize, now, that the Kremlin is reaching into the pockets of Springfield citizens to get dollars to buy war materials on the world market. They're getting away with it today, and they'll keep getting away with it until we do something about it.

Watch the things you buy! Particularly the items mentioned above. And if you should find an item made behind the Iron Curtain, we hope you'll go all the way. Ask to talk to the store owner or manager. Explain, as we've explained here, why it's wrong for him to sell Russian sponsored products. He'll understand.

The blunt truth is that every time you spend a dollar for one of these products, a part of that dollar finds its way back to Moscow. And there, the "Peace-minded" Commies, if you believe the DAILY WORKER, quickly put the money to work to buy war materials, some of which are being used

I submit herewith what I believe to be conclusive evidence based on adequate documentation from official and other reliable sources, to prove that:

1. Members of the Farmers Union have been identified as Communists.
2. Members of the Farmers Union have been identified with Communist fronts and pro-Communist activities, this includes members of the Montana Farmers Union.
3. Persons who are or were Communists and/or Communist sympathizers have occupied positions of power and influence in the Farmers Union.
4. The Communist Party has officially announced its objective of infiltrating and taking over the Farmers Union, and it claims to have been successful.
5. The Farmers Union so consistently aligns itself with Communist causes, fails to forthrightly and specifically denounce Communist activities or Communism as such, as to preclude the possibility of accident or coincidence. Consistency is not a mark of ignorance.
6. Resolutions adopted by the National and state organizations, so closely follow the current Party line as to be practically indistinguishable from that line.
7. Speakers before Farmers Union conventions have voiced sentiments, statements and philosophies conforming to the Party line without official protests or disavowals.
8. Anti-Communist speakers have been denied the privileges of the platform at at least one convention, after being challenged to appear.
9. While vigorously and vociferously professing a grave concern for freedom of speech and belief, they have placed a price tag of \$25,000.00 on free speech in Montana.
10. They have elected not to meet me in open discussion of Communist infiltration strategy and tactics with particular emphasis on any situation that may exist in the Farmers Union.
11. When confronted with evidence of Communist infiltration and influence in their organization, certain officials and members consistently assume an attitude of injured innocence and appear to have a more pronounced desire to sue someone for libel or slander than to investigate and eliminate any Communist control or influence that might be found.
12. Responsible officials have indicated considerable concern over criticism of Soviet Russia but do not hesitate to be critical of other nations that are members of the United Nations, including the United States.
13. James G. Patton, President of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, has been associated in some manner with several Communist fronts and pro-Communist activities.
14. Don W. Chapman, President of the Montana Farmers Union and other members of the Montana Farmers Union have been connected with Communist fronts.
15. The President and Educational Director of the Montana Farmers Union, have urged the members to subscribe to and read Communist and pro-Communist publications.
16. One Montana publication appears to be closely associated with a publishing company that has had or has a Communist Party member on the board of directors or trustees.
17. The Farmers Union has had legislative pacts or other relations with organizations that have been identified as under Communist domination and control, and some of the leaders of such organizations are known Communists.
18. The Farmers Union has been mentioned in an official government publication as "Cooperating with other front organizations within the Communist orbit".
19. The Farmers Union Lending Library Book List, indicates that the library is stocked with books calculated to emphasize the advantages of the Communist philosophy and ideology over the traditional American concept of Capitalism and free enterprise.
20. There are no books on the entire list that are recognized by current standards as being in the classification of anti-Communist.

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DOCUMENTATION OF COMMUNIST INFILTRATION STRATEGY AND TACTICS, WITH REFERENCE TO THE FARMERS' EDUCATIONAL AND CO-OPERATIVE UNION OF AMERICA, SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS THE NATIONAL FARMERS UNION OR AS THE FARMERS UNION, AND THE MONTANA FARMERS UNION.

INTRODUCTION

During the 1952 Farmers Union Convention in Great Falls, a challenge was issued to Mr. Harvey Matusow, to appear before the convention and explain what were termed "false impressions being left in the minds of the people about the Farmers Union and other groups".

Mr. Matusow did appear at the Civic Center in Great Falls, on the afternoon of Saturday, October 18th before the hour of 2:00 o'clock P.M. but was not able to meet the price tag of \$25,000.00 which the Farmers Union had placed on FREE SPEECH.

More recently I have challenged the Montana Farmers Union to meet me in a public discussion of Communist infiltration tactics and strategy, with special attention to any situation that may have existed or may now exist in the Farmers Union.

My object in bringing this matter to issue with the Farmers Union was to show the honorable, patriotic and loyal, rank-and-file members a part of what appears to be going on behind the scenes, because I believe that more than 99 and 44/100 per cent of the membership would do something about the situation if they are made fully aware of conditions in their organization.

A letter was received calling my challenge "preposterous", and stating among other things, that "Your terms and timing points strongly to your letter being of a political nature rather than sincere". They set the timing in their challenge to Matusow, and did not permit him to speak. My challenge was a follow up to that and the timing was not mine. I gave them a week, they gave Matusow less than eighteen hours. They required a sponsor, a bond, or \$25,000.00. I required nothing unreasonable or arbitrary yet they elected not to meet me and openly discuss the Communist issue, not politics. Who appears to have been sincere?

BACKGROUND OF COMMUNIST OBJECTIVES

It is the declared objective of the Communist Party, to infiltrate and thereby control worthy and responsible organizations whenever in their judgment it serves Communist purposes to do so; and it is not necessarily a reflection on any organization or its members to say that the organization is or may have been infiltrated by Communists or communist ideology.

Many loyal and patriotic organizations have been infiltrated by Communism. Most of them have seen the plainly recognizable signs and reacted promptly and forthrightly. Some, unfortunately, have chosen to bury their heads in the sands of a self-righteous indignation and cried, "smear, character assassination, red baiters, thought control, guilt by association" and other typical Communist evasions and distortions of fact.

The phrase "Communist Infiltration" is capable of willful misinterpretation by those who refuse to recognize any degree of infiltration and control as an accomplished fact. What is done to prevent infiltration and control or to throw out the Communist influence and thinking once it has been detected is a perfect criterion as to the status of the organization with reference to Communism.

COMMUNISTS IN THE F. U. TO BE NAMED

I propose to name and document a few instances of dual membership of individuals in the Farmers Union and the Communist Party, not because it is necessary to do so in order to present evidence of Communist influence or control but because some people seem to believe that the only credible evidence is proof of Party membership. The number of known Communists beyond a reasonable minimum is not nearly as important as the extent or consistency with which an organization follows the Party line, particularly on foreign policy; whether they see little or nothing wrong with Soviet Russia, but see many things wrong in the United States, or the other nations of the free world.

DOCUMENTATION

ADRIAN CLAIBORNE: Page 3311 of the HUAC Report, entitled "Communist Activities Among Youth Groups", contains this statement of a witness testifying under oath, "Adrian Claiborne was active in PEOPLES SONGS and Farmers Union work in the state of New Jersey." I attended Party meetings with Adrian Claiborne and have seen her in People's Songs office. Her husband was also a member of the Peoples Songs group of the Communist Party.

LEM HARRIS, A MEMBER OF THE FARMERS UNION AND INFLUENCED POLICY. Page 1895 of the HUAC Report, entitled "Hearings Regarding Communist Activities Among Farm Groups", reports Lem Harris, testifying as follows: "I joined the Farmers Union as early as I could", and when asked a question as to whether or not he sought to influence in any manner the action of Farmers Union Conventions or resolutions, he replied "I would say there was a resolution which I hoped would go one way or the other and I no doubt expressed my opinion on it".

LEM HARRIS, A COMMUNIST. Page 22 of 100 Things You Should Know About Communism, a pamphlet put out by the HUAC, lists Lem Harris as a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party of the United States, and on page 23 of the same publication Lem Harris is listed as secretary of the Communist Party's National Farm Commission. He was also the editor of the Communist Party's farm publication, "FACTS FOR FARMERS".

ARCHIE WRIGHT NAMED AS A COMMUNIST. On page 14462 of the Congressional Record for September 7, 1950, there appears this statement: "Archie Wright, president of the Northeastern Farmers Union, ... has admitted that he was a member of the ... infamous 'Wobblies' of the World War I era; Wright is a convicted draft dodger of World War I. ... the Farm Journal printed an article, ... the article flatly stated that Wright was a member of the Communist Party. Wright sued the Farm Journal and McManus for libel, ... By a jury verdict, Wright lost the suit. During the trial this high official of the Farmers Union admitted that he had said several times: 'I am as red as a rose and proud of it'. Two former Communists testifying under oath identified Wright as a Communist."

Glenn Talbott, N. DAK. F. U. KNOWS 3 MEMBERS WHO ARE COMMUNISTS. On page 14462 of the Congressional Record referred to above there is this additional information: Glenn Talbott, was reportedly asked if there were Communists in the Farmers Union of North Dakota, and replied "that he knew of at least three, who are friends of mine and good members of the Farmers Union".

GERALD HARRIS NAMED AS A COMMUNIST. Page 159 of a report of the Sub-Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, entitled "Communist Activities Among Immigrants and National Groups", states in part: "Reverend Gerald Harris, Alabama state Vice-President of the Farmers Union, was one of the leaders of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, active CP member living on a farm near Birmingham".

FRED STOVER, MAY BE COMMUNIST. Anyone familiar with the pro-Communist and front record of Fred Stover, would hardly escape the conclusion that Stover is in complete accord with the Communist ideology.

COMMUNIST PARTY INSTRUCTED AS TO FARMERS UNION. Page 700 of Appendix IX of the Report of Special Committee on Un-American Activities, states in part as follows: "The Communist Party of the United States of America, has given categorical instructions to its constituents and members, to take an active part in the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America in an effort to secure the adoption of a Communist program and leadership of this farmer's organization, otherwise known as the Farmers Union".

THE COMMUNIST, A MAGAZINE. On page 948 of the leading theoretical organ of the Party we find this statement in the October 1937 issue: "in our mass work our main concentration must be to build the National Farmers Union, to develop local, state and national programs around which we can rally and crystallize a firm progressive leadership. A progressive victory will bolster the courage of the present progressive members, formulate a pro-labor progressive program around which an extensive organizing drive can be launched to unionize the masses of the Farmers, and allow the Farmers Union to play its part in the developing Peoples Front and the fight against reaction and Fascism". In the dialectics of Marx, Lenin and Stalin, the word PROGRESSIVE means COMMUNIST or Pro-Communist, and reactionaries and Fascists are those who oppose Communism.

APPENDIX IX, ON CONTROL. Page 700 states in part: "In its efforts to secure control of the Farmers Union, control which the Communists popularize as PROGRESSIVE, the Communist Party forces were instrumental in securing its permeation and interlocking with other farm organizations under Communist control".

F. U. HAD LEGISLATIVE PACT WITH FRONT HEADED BY KNOWN COMMUNIST. On page 701 of the Appendix IX this is found: "The Farmers Union had a legislative pact with the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America (Labor Fact Book IV, p. 101), an organization headed by Donald Henderson, an avowed Communist".

MENTIONED AS COOPERATING WITH OTHER FRONTS. On page 702 of Appendix IX there is this statement: "As is customary with organizations under Communist control, the Farmers Union cooperated with other front organizations within the Communist orbit. In 1938 it participated in the Second World Youth Congress, held at Vassar College, (Daily Worker, August 2, 1938, p. 3). In 1937 it was a part of the Michigan

Conference for the Protection of Civil Rights, together with the Communist Party, (hearings Vol. 2, p. 1277).

ACID TEST OF COMMUNIST CONTROL. According to page 702 of Appendix IX, "an acid test of Communist Control is acceptance of the line of the Communist Party on the question of war, after the Stalin-Hitler pact of August 23, 1939, and after Hitler's invasion of Russia on June 22, 1941. The Farmers Union met this test fully, once Communist domination had been established." "Paul Sifton is Educational Director of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America. For one of Paul Sifton's typical Communist blasts, see page 115 of this report." (I wish time and space would permit a reproduction of the blast referred to).

THE ROBERT MARSHALL FOUNDATION AND THE FARMERS UNION. HUAC Reports have this to say about the Robert Marshall Foundation: "This fund of more than a million dollars, has been one of the principal sources for the money with which to finance the Communist Party's fronts in recent years." (Page 99 of Guide to Subversive Organizations and Pub).

F. U. SAID TO HAVE RECEIVED \$112,000.00 FROM ROBERT MARSHALL FOUNDATION. Information on page 13662 of the Congressional Record for October 17, 1951, indicates that the Farmers Union had received a total of \$112,000.00 from the Robert Marshall Foundation.

TRUSTEES OF ROBERT MARSHALL ESTATE AND FOUNDATION From Congressional Record Oct. 17, 1951

GEORGE MARSHALL. "George Marshall has a record of affiliation by membership in, or otherwise with, over 30 Communist-front organizations and movements."

GARDNER JACKSON. "Gardner Jackson has been associated with, as a sponsor, speaker, endorser, and member of 22 Communist and subversive organizations."

ROGER BALDWIN. "...for years the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, is an old-time apologist for Communism for over 30 years. He has been affiliated with over 20 Communist-front organizations and served time in jail for obstructing the draft in the First World War."

EDWIN S. SMITH. "...has a record of affiliation with more than 16 Communist fronts."

JERRY O'CONNELL. "Worked with the National Lawyers Guild, the legal arm of the Communist Party." Other information on O'Connell includes this: Registered Lobbyist for the National Committee to Defeat the Mundt Bill, called a Communist Lobby, by the HUAC. A recent speaker in Montana publicly stated on several occasions that he, the speaker, had sat in a Communist Party meeting with Jerry O'Connell, in Washington, D. C. The Second Report on Un-American Activities of the State of Washington, (Canwell Report) page 153, contains sworn testimony to the effect that Jerry O'Connell was a Party member.

This information on the Robert Marshall Foundation is to show the kind of people who run the kind of organizations that have supported the Farmers Union. It is a common understanding among anti-Communists and experts in the general field of Subversive Activities, that only those under Communist discipline run their organizations and handle their money, and that the money only goes to organizations and places where there is at least a reasonable degree of Communist control.

COMMUNIST FRONT AFFILIATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE FARMERS UNION

APPENDIX IX. Page 702 states in part: "Many of the leaders of the Farmers Union were affiliated with the American Peace Mobilization. The official program of the American Peace Mobilization listed the following among its sponsors: H. S. Bruce, Editor Montana Farmers Union News; E. H. Chrum, Farmers Union, South Dakota; Clinton Clark, Louisiana Farmers Union; Harry L. Diehl, Farmers Union Gibson City, Ill.; Gerald Harris, Alabama Farmers Union; H. H. Lennox, Chairman, Ohio Farmers Union; Henderson Mallott, Farmers Union, Mercersburg, Pa.; Solon Phillips, Pennsylvania Farmers Union; Charles Egeley, Minnesota Farmers Union; Harold Ridenour, Farmers Union, Belton, Montana."

RECORD OF JAMES G. PATTON, PRESIDENT OF THE FARMERS EDUCATIONAL AND COOPERATIVE UNION OF AMERICA

HUAC LETTER. A letter from the HUAC states in part as follows: "Public records, files, and publications of this Committee disclose the following information concerning James G. Patton: quote,

"an article published in the Daily Worker of September 18, 1947 (page 8), stated that an attempt to disrupt the Farmers Union by raising the red issue was quashed by its top leaders recently. James S. Elmore, until recently editor of the National Union Farmer, resigned under fire after being criticised for inserting a red-baiting

editorial and cartoon in the current issue. James G. Patton wrote Elmore declaring the material was inconsistent with Farmers Union Policy, and "invited" his resignation.

The Daily Worker of January 29, 1948, (page 2), reported that James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union, indicated that the organization would support Henry Wallace for President. His photograph appeared in the March 15, 1950, (page 8), of the paper. It stated in this connection that he opposed the Mundt anti-Communist bill.

The American Slav Congress held a dinner in New York City, October 12, 1947. The program (page 2) listed James G. Patton as one of the sponsors of the dinner. The American Slav Congress was cited as subversive and Communist by former Attorney General Tom Clark.

The January 11, 1948 issue of the Daily Worker listed James G. Patton as one of those who signed a manifesto which was sponsored by the Union of Concerted Peace Efforts cited as a Communist front organization by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1311 of March 29, 1944.

James G. Patton, identified as president of the National Farmers Union was one of those who signed a statement sponsored by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties which hailed the War Department's Order regarding Commissions for Communists, (made Communists eligible for Commissions in the Army) according to the Daily Worker for March 18, 1945, page 2. The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties "is one of the viciously subversive organizations of the Communist Party" (Special Committee Reports) 1942-1943, 1944.

Report 1115 of the Committee on Un-American Activities (page 3) describes the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties as being among a "maze of organizations" which were "spawned" for the alleged purpose of defending civil liberties in general but actually intended to protect Communist subversion from any penalties under the law. Attorney General Biddle cited the organization as "part of what Lenin called the solar system of organizations, ostensibly having no connection with the Communist Party, by which Communists attempt to create sympathizers and supporters of their program".

The Civil Rights Congress, issued a statement opposing "red-baiting and attacks on Communists, which was signed by James Patton, as shown by the Daily Worker of May 25, 1947, (page 9). He was identified in this source as a member of the executive board, Local 78, Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers of America, Phoenix, Arizona. James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union, was a member of the Initiating Committee of the Congress on Civil Rights which was held in Detroit, (April 27-28, 1946), as shown on a summons to the Congress. James Patton, president of the National Farmers Union, endorsed "IN FACT" as shown by a folder entitled "A Statement from George Seldes on 'In Fact'". The publication "In Fact", was cited as a Communist Front by the Special Committee ... in report 1311, page 48. unquote

DOCUMENTATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF JAMES G. PATTON, FROM OTHER SOURCES

PEOPLES WORLD, WEST COAST COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER, of July 14, 1944, page 7 cols. 7-8 contains an article by James G. Patton, with photo.

JOINS NATIONAL CITIZENS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE. The National Union Farmer of August 1, 1944, indicates that James G. Patton had joined the NCPAC. House Report 1311 lists the original 43 sponsors of the CIO PAC and about 19 or more of them are known Communists, including Pattons friend Donald Henderson, of the FTAAW of A.

MILITARISM IN EDUCATION. Page 21 of the book, COLD WAR IN THE CLASSROOM, by Samuel Sillen, a known Party member, lists James G. Patton as one of 80 who issued a booklet "Militarism in the Classroom", through the NATIONAL COUNCIL AGAINST CONSCRIPTION called a Communist front by the Fourth Report Un-American Activities in California, 1948.

MAKE ATOM SECRETS AVAILABLE TO ALL PEOPLE. The Minneapolis Morning Tribune October 11, 1945, reports James G. Patton, in speaking before the South Dakota Farmers Union, stated that the Atom secrets should be made available to all people.

THE PEOPLES WORLD, of April 26, 1946, page 5 col. 3, Pres. James Patton expected in California early in May to form a "real Farmers Union".

FRONT ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE MONTANA F. U.

From files of the HUAC as reported in letter of June 5, 1951

HAROLD BROWN, Secy.-Treas. Montana Farmers Union.

1. Signed January 1943 "Message to the House of Representatives" opposing renewal of the Dies Committee.

8. S. BRUCE. Previously documented with the American Peace Mobilization.
1. Signed news release of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, and was named on a leaflet entitled "Mobilize for Peace, Chicago, August 31, September 2, 1940."
 2. Named as one of sponsors of the Emergency Peace Mobilization, at which the American Peace Mobilization was founded.
 3. Listed on letterhead of the Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, as sponsor, September 11, 1941.
 4. Sent May Day Greetings to the "Worker" (May 2, 1948, page 2).
 5. Endorsed the Committee for Citizenship Rights, as shown on a letterhead of the group dated January 10, 1942.
 6. Signed the Open Letter in Defense of Harry Bridges, as reported in the Daily Worker of July 19, 1942 (page 4). Cited as a Communist Front.
 7. Supported William Schneiderman, in his efforts to retain citizenship, according to the Peoples World, May 15, 1942.
 8. Signed January 1943 "Message to the House of Representatives" opposing renewal of the Dies Committee. (App. IX, page 1242)

DON W. CHAPMAN. President of the Montana Farmers Union.

1. Signed a statement to the United States Congress in defense of Gerhart Eisler, as reported in PM for March 3, 1947 (page 20). The Eisler Defense Committee was cited as an "Offshoot of the Civil Rights Congress" by the HUAC Report 1115, September 2, 1947, page 13.
2. Signed a statement of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, (Daily Worker, March 18, 1945, page 2).
3. Signed January 1943 "Message to the House of Representatives" opposing renewal of the Dies Committee. (App. IX, page 1243)

ERRAIN A. COE. Of Great Falls, wired support to the American Peace Crusade, as reported in the Daily Worker March 26, 1951, page 2.

WET KINSEY.

1. Sponsor of the National Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the 12 Communist Leaders, as shown by the back of a letterhead dated September 9, 1949.
2. Sponsor of the Bill of Rights Conference, of the Civil Rights Congress, as shown by the "Call to a Bill of Rights Conference", New York City, July 16-17, 1949, page 5.

MRS. ERLING OSNES. Pompeys Pillar, FU.

1. Signed January 1943 "Message to the House of Representatives", opposing renewal of the Dies Committee. (App. IX, page 1253)

HAROLD RIDENOUR. Previously listed as sponsor of the American Peace Mobilization.

1. Listed as sponsor of the APM on the official program of the American Peoples meeting of The American Peace Mobilization, Triboro Stadium, Randall's Island, New York City, April 6, 1941.
2. The Daily Worker of March 26, 1951 reports that Ridenour wired support to the American Peace Crusade.

MILDRED K. STOLTZ.

1. Signed January 1943 "Message to the House of Representatives", opposing renewal of the Dies Committee. (App. IX, page 1256)

THE SITUATION WITH REFERENCE TO THE MONTANA FARMERS UNION

LETTER TO ALL COUNTY CHAIRMEN AND ALL COUNTY SECRETARIES. We find that a letter was written to all county chairmen and all county secretaries, of the Montana Farmers Union, over the signatures of DON CHAPMAN, Chairman and MILDRED K. STOLTZ, Educational Director, stating in part as follows, "We wish to state that we are ordering a one year subscription to 'FACTS FOR FARMERS' for you, ... and we would like to suggest that you order a one year subscription to that fine little paper, 'IN FACT' ... and that still another service you may receive, free of charge, is the 'INFORMATION BULLETIN' put out by the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. ... also we suggest that you order a subscription to the 'PEOPLES VOICE'." (Emphasis mine).

LET US EXAMINE THESE PUBLICATIONS, that have been urged on the members of the Montana Farmers Union, by the State President and the Educational Director:

1. FACTS FOR FARMERS. (Page 133 of the GUIDE TO SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS) has this to say about "FACTS FOR FARMERS", "Among those publications which the Committee found to be Communist Initiated and Controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin Solar System". Remember this is or was a publication edited by Lem Harris, a known Communist, a member of the Farmers Union, who modestly admitted that he hung around hotels and meetings of the Farmers Union groups and had "some part in influencing Farmers Union Policy".

2. IN FACT. Page 137 of the "GUIDE", referred to previously, gives the information about "IN FACT". Cited as a Communist Front, whose editor is George Seides. A Communist News Letter written and published by George Seides.

3. THE SOVIET INFORMATION BULLETIN. Has been suppressed by action of the State Department, in retaliation for certain restrictions imposed on American publications in Russia. The issue of this violently anti-American Soviet Publication, formerly published in the United States, by the Soviet Embassy, which I have in my possession glorifies the Great Stalin, with flattering pictures on each page and his name in the title of most every article appearing in the magazine.

4. THE PEOPLES VOICE. Is published by the Peoples Voice Publishing Company, at Helena, according to statement appearing in the paper itself, and appears to be printed or jointly published by the CO-OP PUBLISHING COMPANY, as their name and printers bug is carried.

COMMUNIST, IRA SIEBRASSE ON BOARD OF CO-OP PUBLISHING COMPANY

A news story on the front page of the Peoples Voice, of April 7, 1950, mentions that Ira Siebrasse, is a hold over member of the Board. Let's take a look at Ira Siebrasse:

IRA SIEBRASSE. Page 132 of 100 Things . . . lists IRA SIEBRASSE as the then chairman of the Communist Party of Montana, and gives his address in Great Falls. Is that fact of any significance in discussing the question of Communist influence on the F.U.?

THE PEOPLES VOICE

THE PEOPLES VOICE, of July 14, 1950, carries better than a quarter page of material and at the bottom carries this statement: "Issued by the Communist Party of Montana, P. O. Box 77, Butte, Montana". They claim to be for Peace, Civil Liberties and Socialism, and for Hands Off in Korea. There is nothing to indicate that this material was accepted as paid political advertising, or paid advertising of any kind, and the managing editor of the Peoples Voice, admitted in a radio discussion in Helena, that he had not received payment for the more than quarter page in behalf of the Communist Party. He also admitted to the writer on the floor of the House, during the last session of the Legislature that he had not been paid for the article or whatever you prefer to designate it. Is it not reasonable to conclude therefore that it was a gratuitous insertion by an editor and/or publisher friendly to the Communist Party?

THE PEOPLES VOICE, of February 17, 1950, carries an article signed, "H. L. Cascade County", under headlines reading, "Reader Speaks Forth in Defense of Members of the Communist Party".

THE PEOPLES VOICE, of April 14, 1950 has an article attacking the FBI among other things.

THE PEOPLES VOICE, continues to follow the Party line in its attacks on the American Legion, The McCarran Act, The HUAC, The Smith Act, Adequate National Defense (UNT), McCarthyism, The Selective Service System.

THE GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE, of October 22, 1950 lists what purports to be resolutions adopted by the Farmers Union Convention, and number 24 "Urged greater support for the Peoples Voice, a newspaper".

COMMUNIST PARTY CHAIRMAN, JACK LUCID, writes in Peoples Voice, of January 6, 1950, taking pride in "the principled and vigorous defense by our leadership and the membership as a whole".

There appears to be a very close working relationship between the Peoples Voice Publishing Co., the Co-op Publishing Company and the Montana Farmers Union News. Both papers are known to be printed in the same plant, and remember that the company that appears to do the printing of both papers had a Communist on the Board.

The four publications mentioned are those that the members of the Farmers Union in Montana, were being urged to subscribe to and read.

F. U. LENDING LIBRARY LISTS COMMUNIST BOOKS

THE FARMERS UNION CO-OPERATIVE BOOK CLUB, Loan Library Book List, MILDRED K. STOLTZ, Librarian, lists about 620 books, not including those for juveniles or teenagers. About 28 or more, or about 5 percent, of the number are titles that have been printed by the Communist Party publishing house, INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS. About 122 of the books listed have been written by Communists or fellow travelers. I have not been able to find one single book in the entire list that is considered as being anti-Communist by current standards of judgment. They do have "Ordeal By Slander", by Owen Lattimore, but do not have "Seeds of Treason" by Toladano.

CASCADE CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE

THE MONTANA FARMERS UNION, supported the objectives of the Cascade Civil Rights Committee in its opposition to the Mundt Bill. According to an article in the PV of April 21, 1950, the FU sent letters to all Locals, informing them of the dangers of the bill.

A news story in the Great Falls Tribune, states that "the group will consider affiliation with National Civil Rights Groups". The only national civil rights group that comes to my mind is the Civil Rights Congress, about which you have already heard. The group that furnished bail for Gerhart Eisler, (after Mr. Chapman and others defended him), the 11 top Communist leaders tried and convicted under the Smith Act, the group that was brought into being with the aid and assistance of James G. Patton, according to documentation already mentioned.

M. W. THATCHER AND LAND REFORM

MR. M. W. THATCHER, spoke for one hour before the recent convention and among other things said, substantially this, "when the Russians moved into Poland, Joe Stalin did not make Communists of the Polish people, he made landowners of them by instituting a policy of land reform that broke up the large estates of the landholders or aristocracy and gave the land to the people." (I quote from memory). That is straight Communist line. That is one of the most amazing statements I have heard or read short of the Daily Worker or Foster. Does Mr. Thatcher sincerely believe that Polish landholders under the Communists will fare better than the Kulaks of Russia fared after the Bolsheviks had consolidated their position and were prepared to institute their five year plans of extermination that liquidated the Kulaks as enemies of the "Great Proletarian Homeland, the Peoples Democracy"?

FARMERS UNION NATIONAL PROGRAMS

THE FU PROGRAM for 1950-51, says in the very first sentence, "The land belongs to all the people of the nation". Everything in Russia is supposed to belong to all the people. Is that what you want here?

THE FU PROGRAM for 1952-53, devotes several paragraphs to Civil Rights and World Affairs. They appear to think that in protecting our Government against criminal and subversive elements, we are moving in the direction of suppressing opinion and beliefs. Therefore a position is taken against the Smith Act, the McCarran Act, the HUAC, McCarthyism, and the Feinberg Law of New York State, that permits school boards to fire teachers who are Communists or pro-Communist. The same position that the Communist Party takes.

They deplore guilt by association, but ignore guilt by participation, guilt by collaboration or guilt by appraisal or judgment based on evidence.

They refer specifically to the "despotic Government of Franco Spain", but do not mention any suspected despotism in Stalinist Russia or anywhere behind the Iron curtain. They do mildly condemn Russian imperialism, in general terms along with dictatorships in general, but get specific only in the case of Franco.

THE MONTANA FU tends to follow closely the phrasing and pattern of thought in the National Programs. The sense of similar resolution not being changed in any important particular.

FU DOES NOT CONDEMN FORCEFULLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY

I have not been able to find one single instance where there has been a plain, forceful, forthright, unequivocal condemnation of Communism as such. In fact there is evidence that the Union has refused to pass resolutions condemning Communism as indicated by following information and reference to the red-baiting episodes mentioned earlier.

THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, of March 16, 1946, stated "At the National Convention held in Topeka, Kansas, the California branch of the National Farmers Union, was expelled for protesting that the National body had gone far along the path of Communism, New Dealism, and had abandoned its original purpose, for policies subversive of the American form of Government."

THE LA TIMES, for March 24, 1948, carries an article entitled "Farmers Union Refuses to Take Stand Against Communism", "disregards plea of state delegates, asks that the United States destroy its atom bombs".

CHALLENGES AND COMMUNIST SPEAKERS

In some of the challenges that have passed back and forth the Farmers Union states, "that it is a matter of historical record that only responsibly sponsored speakers appear on the Farmers Union Platform". That statement immediately gives rise to some questions.

LEE PRESSMAN, who finally admitted that he was a Communist at one time, attended the Montana Farmers Union Convention a few years ago in Great Falls, and judging from

the publicity that emanated therefrom, Pressman appeared to rather completely dominate the thinking of the convention and its proceedings. Did Pressman put up a bond, did he have a sponsor, did he have \$25,000.00 in cash or was he simply accepted on the basis of his suspected or known membership in the Communist Party?

PROFESSOR ROBERT A. BRADY. What was the basis for the selection of Professor Robert A. Brady, as a speaker at the Regional Farm Labor Institute, held in Great Falls in January, 1952? Was it the fact that he is affiliated with more than 15 Communist Front Organizations, including Associate Editor of the Communist Magazine, "Black and White"? Is it a coincidence that only extreme leftists are selected by the FU as their speakers on Economics?

ANNA A. HEDGEMAN. A member of the National Committee of the American League for Peace and Democracy, was selected as speaker at the FL Institute mentioned above. (Affiliation from Appendix IX, page 204)

DEFINITIONS

FELLOW TRAVELER. The United States Civil Service Commission has defined a FELLOW TRAVELER, as one who has followed the Communist Party line through one or more changes.

COMMUNIST FRONTS. Are generally defined substantially as follows: any organization or group created for legitimate purposes and taken over to some extent or in some degree by Communists; or a Communist created and controlled organization having a facade or false front of respectability in order to conceal its real purpose, which is to aid and assist Communist causes.

Page 99 of 100 Things You Should Know About Communism, defines a Communist front, as "Any organization that lends itself to Communist causes".

MY ATTITUDE TOWARD THE FARMERS UNION

I do not wish to destroy any organization that has a rightful place in our national life. I believe that the Farmers Union has such a rightful place. I only want to see that the membership is informed, because an informed membership and an informed public opinion is one of the prime necessities in this fight to the death between the American concept of freedom and free enterprise, which the Communists call Imperialism, (or Moribund Capitalism) and International Communism.

Organizations and individuals make their own reputations by their acts, either positive or passive and in such manner characterize or align themselves in relation to Communism. It does not take official action by a governmental agency to cause an organization to assume the status of a Communist front. An organization takes on that coloration by what it does or does not do with reference to Communism.

I have never called the Farmers Union a Communist Front. I am not doing so now. I have not said that the Farmers Union is Communist dominated and/or controlled. I have not called any member of the Farmers Union a fellow traveler. I have documented some instances of Communists in the Farmers Union, for your consideration. The decision as to the status of the organization or any member thereof, is for you to decide.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

The United States Supreme Court has this to say in the majority opinion upholding the constitutionality of the Smith Act, under which the top Communist leaders were convicted:

The indictment charged the petitioners with willfully and knowingly conspiring (1) to organize as the Communist Party of the United States of America a society, group and assembly of persons who teach and advocate the overthrow and destruction of the Government of the United States by force and violence, and (2) knowingly and willfully to advocate and teach the duty and necessity of overthrowing and destroying the Government of the United States by force and violence.

The Court then says, "The very language of the Smith Act negates the interpretation the petitioners would have us impose on that Act. IT IS DIRECTED AT ADVOCACY, NOT AT DISCUSSION".

"The obvious purpose of the statute is to protect existing Government, not from change by peaceable, lawful and constitutional means, but from change by violence, revolution and terrorism."

"If the ingredients of a reaction are present, we cannot bind the Government to wait until the catalyst is added."

THE FEINBERG LAW, NEW YORK STATE

The Supreme Court Decision in the so called Feinberg Law of New York State, upholding the right of school boards to fire Communist and pro-Communist teachers, says in part:

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"It is clear that such persons have the right under the law to assemble, speak, think and believe as they will. It is equally clear that they have no right to work for the state in the school system on their own terms."

"If they do not choose to work on such terms, they are at liberty to retain their beliefs and associations and go elsewhere."

"Past conduct may well relate to present fitness; past loyalty may have a reasonable relationship to present and future trust. Both are commonly inquired into in determining fitness for both high and low positions in private industry and are not less relevant in public employment."

"One associates past and present, as well as one's conduct, may properly be considered in determining fitness and loyalty. From time immemorial, one's reputation has been determined in part by the company he keeps."

"If under the procedure set up in the New York Law, a person is found to be unfit, he is disqualified from employment in the public school system because of membership in a listed organization, he is not thereby denied the right of free speech and assembly. His freedom of choice between membership in the organization and employment in the school system might be limited, but not his freedom of speech or assembly, except in the remote sense that limitation is inherent in every choice."

The above excerpts from Supreme Court Decisions, would seem to answer the objections to the Smith and McCarran Acts.

Time and space does not permit me to make a complete documentation of the mass of material I have in my possession; however, effort will be made if there is sufficient demand, or if the Farmers Union is motivated by a rather obvious and accumulative \$25,000.00 complex.

I would suggest the following as beneficial reading in any study of the Communist menace:

Communism, Where Do We Stand, by the United States Chamber of Commerce. 20c

The National Republic, monthly, 511 Eleventh Street, Washington 4, D.C. \$2 a year.

The Hiring Line, The American Legion, \$3.00 per year (cheaper in quantity).

The Freeman, 240 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N.Y. \$5.00 per year, fortnightly.

ask that you be placed on the mailing list of the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. It is free.

Get copies of 100 Things You Should Know About Communism, and Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications from the HUAC as above.

Get reports of the McCarran Internal Security Committee, by writing to Senator Pat McCarran, Washington, D.C.

Read Joe McCarthy's books: "America's Retreat From Victory" and "McCarthyism, the Fight for America", before you condemn the Senator. You would be surprised how reasonable and logical his documentation is. He has not attacked one innocent person. Name One.

Form a study group in your community. Do not let one organization dominate.

If you want a reasonable amount of Communist literature and publications for study and discussion the paper line, I can furnish you with information.

It is a fight in America before we will be successful in fighting international

communism for an America without Communists, Fellow Travelers or Communist Fronts.

C. Overcash

Butte, Montana

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Are Some Clergymen Reds?

Mr. Matthews notes that the United States Attorney General has listed "The American Committee for the Foreign Born" as "Communist and subversive." The honorary chairman of this committee is a bishop. Among its sponsors are several prominent clergymen. A recent leaflet put out by this Communist and subversive group was signed by 97 Protestant ministers. Are these facts denied? Do they not indicate Communist infiltration of the clergy?

Mr. Matthews reveals that Rev. Jack R. McMichael, executive secretary of the Methodist Federation for Social Action was once head of the American Youth Congress, named by the Attorney General as "Communist and subversive" and repudiated even by Mrs. Roosevelt who once sponsored its activities. He also points out that the House Committee on Un-American Activities has already investigated this church related group and the clergymen supporting its activities under Democratic auspices. "It is difficult to understand," he says, "the protests registered to this late date against the investigation of pro-Communist clergymen."

The facts presented by Matthews are not denied or proved false by those who have been demanding his scalp. Only the first sentence of his article has been attacked. And he himself qualified that sentence in the article to express confidence in the loyalty and Godliness of "the vast majority" of Protestant clergy-

It is easy to understand President Eisenhower's intense irritation at what he believed to be an "attack on the Protestant churches in America" contained in an article in American Mercury magazine written by J. B. Matthews. The President is a devout defender of religious freedom and a deeply religious man himself.

It is just as easy to guess that the President has not read the Matthews article. His staff apparently have not read it either. And we believe the majority of those clergymen now vigorously objecting to it, and to Mr. Matthews continuation as staff director of the Senate Investigations Subcommittee, have not read it.

Mr. Matthews points out with complete accuracy that "The only part of my long and documented article on infiltration of the clergy that has been quoted was the opening sentence." There has been no discussion of the facts in the article and whether they are true or false.

What Are The Facts?

The sentence quoted from the Matthews article is as follows: "The largest single group supporting Communist apparatus in the United States is composed of Protestant clergymen." That is indeed a statement. But it is not an attack on the Protestant church and it has been proved by documented evidence to be true. Mr. Matthews himself disclaims any intent to attack churches or any religion. He seeks only to expose individuals who have used the cloth of the clergy to hide subversive activities helping the realm. He is a Protestant himself. And he says in the same article "It hardly needs to be said that the vast majority of American Protestant clergymen are loyal to the free institutions of this country, as well as loyal to their churches as ministers of the Gospel." If his critics had read his article they would have read this sentence. If they had read his article many of them would be demanding his reinstatement on the committee staff.

Matthews Not Alone

Other facts brought out in recent days support the contention that individual Communists have infiltrated the clergy in large numbers. Herbert Philbrick, the FBI man who was the star witness against the 10 top Communists now in jail named, for Senate investigators, 7 Massachusetts clergymen whom he knew to be "hard core" Communists. Manning Johnson, former member of the Communist Party national committee, has named "a number of prominent clergymen as being members of the Communist Party," according to Congressman Sherer of the House committee.

Col. Archibald Roosevelt, a prominent Episcopal layman has asked the committees of Congress to pursue investigations of "individual clergymen" who are members of the Communist Party. Congressman Velde, who heads the House Committee on Un-American Activities, received tens of thousands of letters from laymen and clergymen alike. He revealed that 96 percent of them want an investigation of individual clergymen who are Communist or pro-Communist.

Do the vast majority of loyal clergymen in the United States want to protect and hide these Red vipers in their midst? Do they wish to deny the factual evidence that Communists are hiding behind the cloak of the church to help bring about the down-fall of American freedom, including the freedom of religion? Of course they don't.

Religion, the churches, Protestants, ministers in general are not under attack by Matthews, by J. Edgar Hoover, by Congressional Committees or by any of those who demand exposure of Reds in our churches. These people want to help our churches rid themselves of the evil men who are using the Cross to make war upon Christianity, who speak in Jesus' name to destroy Jesus' faith. We suggest thereafter that clergymen look before they leap. We suggest, as we suggest educators, that they help Congress expose Communists in the churches so the clergy can deal with them as they should be dealt with.

What Matthews Said

What does Matthews actually charge? He charges that "The People's Institute of Applied Religion" is a Communist school, and that it is supported by "Protestant clergymen some of whom he names. Well, is it? The United States Attorney General calls "The People's Institute of Applied Religion" an organization that is "Communist and subversive." Do those outraged clergymen, politicians and laymen demanding Matthews' scalp deny these facts? If so can they offer proof?

Matthews quotes J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI and the best informed man on Communism in the United States in these words: "I confess to real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the Gospel to promote their evil work. Is it charged that Matthews quotes Hoover inaccurately? Is Mr. Hoover accused of lying?

Mr. Matthews names by name the "five top Soviet propagandists in this country... all Protestants." If this is not so, why have no ministers sued him for the basest sort of libel? Only because Mr. Matthews knows what he is about.

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My dear Mr. Connell:

Thanks very much for your kind letter of September 15, 1953, inviting me to address your forthcoming National Executive Committee meeting.

As Mr. William Hauck has no doubt informed you, it is with deep regret that I must decline your cordial invitation. There are a great number of pressing matters here which require my personal attention, and I do not see how I can possibly get away.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

NOTE: Inasmuch as the incoming indicated that Mr. Connell would be in Washington on 9-17 or 18, 1953, this reply was delayed so that there would be no conflict in event he contacted the Bureau personally. Inspector Pennington now advised that William Hauck, Director, Washington Office of The American Legion, spoke to Mr. Connell on 9-19-53, and advised him that the Director could not accept.

Bulet of 9-9-53, congratulated Mr. Connell on his election as National Commander. Address per Inspector Pennington.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
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United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am sincerely grateful for your thoughtfulness in taking the time to send your congratulations. I deeply appreciate them, particularly because of your position as one of our nation's outstanding citizens.

In the year ahead I can assure you that The American Legion will work closely with you, and I am hopeful that our association will result in further service to our God and Country.

Inasmuch as it is my intention to concentrate on the basic principles of The American Legion - Rehabilitation, Child Welfare, National Security and Americanism - I wonder if it would be possible for you to speak on the latter subject at our National Executive Committee meeting on October 16 or 17. I am also inviting Senator Joseph Kennedy, who already has accepted, Senator Styles Bridges, and one other person not yet selected, to be on the program. I will be in Washington Thursday or Friday and will contact your office with reference to this matter.

I am sure that every member of the National Executive Committee would enjoy your appearance at our meeting and I trust that you will find it possible to accept.

Sincerely yours,

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THE SPOTLIGHT

FAIRPLAY PUBLISHERS. (See Spotlight in January, 1951 issue of Summary.)

One of our readers advises that this obscure publishing house is not a new outfit but has been in existence for several years. However, it apparently has never published anything except the works of GEORGE MARION which leads to the natural suspicion that FAIRPLAY PUBLISHERS may be nothing more than a trade name for MARION who has written several pro-Soviet or pro-Communist books in recent years. It is alleged that MARION also was a Daily Worker reporter some years ago.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Washington office of the Americanism Division has been receiving an increasing number of requests from government agencies, state investigative agencies, and law enforcement officers for hard-to-find government reports and hearings. In trying to help such official agencies our own small stock of such publications has become virtually exhausted.

During the past four years the Washington office mailed out several thousand copies of such reports and hearings to numerous Legionnaires on its mailing list. Our supply of some 1947 and 1948 hearings and reports is exhausted. WILL ALL SUMMARY READERS MAKE A SEARCH OF THEIR FILES FOR OLD DIES COMMITTEE OR HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES HEARINGS AND REPORTS AND MAIL THOSE FOR WHICH THEY NO LONGER HAVE ANY USE TO THE AMERICANISM DIVISION, THE AMERICAN LEGION, 1608 K STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

Your postage will be reimbursed and in return for your contribution you will receive new reports as they are issued as well as such topical studies and special reports as the Un-American Activities sub-division may put out from time to time.

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THE WORLD COMMUNIST FRONT

Most real authorities on Soviet Russia and the intentions of Stalin and the Politburo -- not, of course, the George Kennans and Philip Jessups of the State Department -- seem agreed that the "Cold War" is now settling down to a long drawn out war of nerves. Soviet stalling at the Paris Conference for the past four months confirms this opinion. While Stalin's mouthpieces stall and talk on by the month in Europe and in the United Nations, his busy gauleiters in Asia energetically continue to push the offensive against the West all along the line from Korea to the Near East and from the Philippines to Iran.

As this Summary warned over two years ago, Iran seems destined to be selected by Stalin as the next Korea with the Soviet-stoked caldron there just about ready to boil over.

In New Delhi, Isa Yusuf Effendi, former Secretary-General of Sinkiang and a Mohammedan, bitterly complains that while the free world "is keeping quiet, my countrymen are being shot down like sparrows."

The Soviets, who have taken over the former far western Chinese province also known as Chinese Turkestan, are reported as exterminating all anti-communist opposition at the rate of seven hundred victims a month. Sinkiang, which is largely Islamic, is strategically important to India.

While the western world looks smugly the other way, Stalin's bloody executioners continue to butcher thousands of innocent victims every day in red-occupied lands from Latvia to China. All elements which in the future might supply the brains and leadership for any opposition or uprising against Soviet tyranny are being hunted down and exterminated like rabbits. Forty or fifty years ago Turkish massacres of Armenians or Czarist pogroms against Jews aroused world-wide horror and storms of indignation including diplomatic representations. Today,

hundreds of thousands of potential allies of America behind the Iron Curtain are allowed to be murdered without a whisper of protest from the West.

In fact, a former First Lady of the White House can blandly admit in her newspaper column that she "enjoyed" eating caviar as a guest of the Soviets in Switzerland while the associates of her "gracious hosts" are killing American boys in Korea.

The China Missionary Bulletin, an official Roman Catholic publication in Hong Kong, makes a minimum estimate of several hundred thousand Chinese already brutally murdered by Mao Tze Tung's bully boys. After digging their own mass grave, 1376 anti-communists were mowed down with machine guns in one day in Shanghai, according to this Catholic paper.

Nine anti-Soviet organizations of non-Russian minorities in western Europe met recently in Munich to work out a joint program of action against Soviet imperialism. While denying any hatred toward the oppressed Russian people, the joint program urged the destruction of Soviet imperialism and demanded autonomy for various non-Russian peoples now held in subjugation by the Soviet Union. The conference accused anti-Stalinist refugees and D.P.s of supporting the imperialist policies of Stalin while opposing his regime politically and also of denying non-Russian peoples their right to freedom and national statehood.

At the same time four different groups of former Soviet subjects have formed a loose alliance to pool resources and activities directed to the overthrow of the communist regime in Russia. The LEAGUE FOR STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL FREEDOM, the UNION FOR STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES OF RUSSIA, the NATIONAL LABOR ALLIANCE, and the UNION OF STRUGGLE FOR A FREE RUSSIA met recently in western Germany in an attempt to form a united front of all former Soviet subjects against Stalin's dictatorship.

Intelligence Digest for May (published at 7023 Empire State Building, New York, N. Y., \$10.00 per year) has several important items on Soviet A-bomb production and close Russo-Chinese collaboration in North Korea. The British edited Digest also makes this comment:

"There is a great deal behind the MacArthur crisis that the public does not know." After stating the British government's case against the Far East Commander, Intelligence Digest concludes that General MacArthur's intervention in matters of high policy was dictated "because he believed the fate of the entire human race was, and is, at stake, and that, in such conditions a breach of normal constitutional customs was justified."

The Intelligence Digest has nearly always been opposed to the official British government position on Red China and related Far Eastern questions. Its world coverage often contains items not found anywhere in the American press or normal news sources and it is therefore recommended to those Legionnaires seeking information on secret developments abroad, particularly Soviet Russia and her Zombie satellites.

The black-mail deal whereby American Robert Vogeler was released from prison by the Hungarian Communist government in exchange for a number of valuable concessions on the part of Uncle Sam can hardly be said to have brought any credit to the State Department. Any coward or weakling can pay blackmail; if he has the wherewithal. And the payment of blackmail or extortion money as any child knows merely encourages other crooks and scoundrels to follow suit. This most significant departure from historic American tradition with the resultant debasing and degrading of American prestige in the eyes of the rest of the world, passed almost unnoticed in the public press. "We got Vogeler out, didn't we?" seems to be sufficient justification for the whole sordid business. From the now apparently long forgotten days of the Barbary Coast pirates down to Teddy Roosevelt's "Perdecaris alive—or Raisuli dead!" it would be extremely hard for a researcher to find a single Vogeler incident where proud and mighty Uncle Sam permitted himself to be humiliatingly blackmailed.

In a State Department infested with pinkos, phony "liberals", one-worlders, international boondogglers, "new thoughters", totalitarian liberals, homosexuals, and various other assorted moral and intellectual decadents and hopeless incompetents, it is pointless to recall the names and reputations of such former Secretaries of State as Jefferson, John Marshall, Madison, Monroe, Clay, Livingston, Calhoun, Daniel Webster, Seward, John Hay, Elihu Root, Robert Lansing, or Charles Hughes. The mantle of lions has truly fallen upon the shoulders of hyenas and jackasses. In case you wonder what has happened to proud American traditions and our alleged "foreign policy."

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THE HOME SECTOR

Main developments on the home sector of the front against communism during the past month were the U. S. Supreme Court decision on the U. S. Attorney General's subversive list, the beginning of the Subversive Activities Control Board's hearings on the illegalization of the Communist Party under the McCarran Internal Security Act, the resumption of hearings on communism in Hollywood by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and the May Day Parade in New York. Up to the time that this Summary was written the U. S. Supreme Court had not handed down a decision on the Constitutionality of the Smith Act and the validity of the conviction of eleven top C. P. leaders under that law. May 28th is the last decision day on the high court's calendar.

The 5 to 3 Supreme Court Decision that the U. S. Attorney General's listing of subversive organizations -- the very heart of the government's whole loyalty program -- was "arbitrary and capricious" has already been fairly well covered in the press. To date the Department of Justice has not announced how it hopes to implement the President's order to clean subversives out of the Federal government in view of the Supreme Court decision that each organization cited by

the Justice Department must first be proven subversive in a Federal Court, a costly and long drawn out process. If it cost a couple of million dollars and nine months of trial time to convict eleven communists of conspiracy under the Smith Act, one can easily estimate the cost and court time required to "prove" that several hundred commy front organizations are in fact subversive.

The three organizations which had appealed to the high court against their subversive listing were the JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE, the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER, and the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP, INC. Justices Burton, Black, Douglas, Jackson, and Frankfurter formed the majority opinion which felt that the three complaining organizations had been unfairly treated and should have had their day in court first before being cited as subversive. Chief Justice Vinson and Associate Justices Reed and Minton dissented.

The Subversive Activities Control Board, set up under the McCarran Internal Security Act of 1950, has been holding daily hearings on the Justice Department's suit that the Communist Party, U.S.A., be compelled to register as an agency of Moscow. The press covered the first few days' proceedings and public attendance and interest has been practically nil. The whole bizarre proceedings have been obscured in a fog of legal chicanery (on the part of the communists contesting the suit), the Administration's veto of the McCarran Act (only to be overridden by thumping majorities in both Houses of Congress), the doubtful legality of the S.A.C.B. itself (as it has never been confirmed by the Senate), and the manifest ineptness and complete lack of experience with communism of the three member panel conducting the hearings.

The Senate sub-committee on Internal Security headed by Pat McCarran of Nevada apparently has little or no confidence in Chairman Seth Richardson in view of his record of handling the Wheeler, John Stewart Service, Remington and other doubtful loyalty cases. At least it has done nothing about confirming him to his present presidential appointment in over four months.

The communists first appealed all the way to the Supreme Court in a futile attempt to prevent the Subversive Activities Control Board from starting the hearings. Hearings did finally start on April 23rd before a three member board composed of Chairman CHARLES M. LAFOLLETTE, a former Republican Congressman from Indiana; Dr. Kathryn McHale, an educator also from Indiana; and Peter Campbell Brown, Brooklyn lawyer and former Assistant Attorney General. As far as could be ascertained by questioning outstanding authorities on communism, none has the slightest acquaintance with the problem of subversion and communism.

Board Chairman SETH RICHARDSON opened the hearings by warmly shaking hands with VITO MARCANTONIO, Chief Counsel for the Communist Party and pointedly ignoring the government's first witness, Ben Gitlow, well-known to Legionnaires. Richardson stayed briefly and then turned the proceedings over to LaFollette. He has not been seen since except for momentary visits which amounted to little more than sticking his head inside the door. Press coverage has been equally lackadaisical and infrequent and the 75 or 80 chairs reserved for spectators are usually about 98% unused. The government estimates that the hearings will run for two or three months more.

Meanwhile the highly touted Nimitz COMMISSION ON INTERNAL SECURITY AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS has packed up and gone home, eight of its nine members having sent their resignations to President Truman. The Senate Judiciary Committee having turned thumbs down by a six to three vote on a special act to exempt C.I.S.I.R. members from penalties of various so-called "Conflict of Interests" statutes which would have prevented a majority of C.I.S.I.R. members from serving. As was the case with the Subversive Activities Control Board, the Nimitz Commission, of nine reputable and distinguished citizens, could not boast of a single recognized expert on communism. Nor did any of them possess any security, intelligence, or even investigative experience worth speaking about. Not one had ever been identified with even such elementary study of legislation to control subversive

activities as Mr. Ober of Maryland, former Senators Bienz and Canwell of Washington State, Broyles of Illinois, or Senator Jack Tenney of California. A long list for former U. S. Senators, Congressmen and State legislators with some experience in dealing with the whole vast and complex problem of communism was available to whatever White House major domo is assigned the task of selecting these various Presidential boards and commissions.

The fact that most of the lamentations over the death in tenderest infancy of the ill-starred Nimitz Commission seemed to come from the NEW REPUBLIC, WASHINGTON POST, and N. Y. TIMES argues at least to the suspicious and sceptical that the early demise of C.I.S.I.R. was probably not much of a tragedy. The Washington Post will now have to cook up a new one.

The new Chairman of the Loyalty Review Board, Hiram Bingham, a former U. S. Senator from Connecticut, is rapidly proving himself a vast improvement over his predecessor, Mr. SETH RICHARDSON. Mr. Bingham, whom someone apparently badly underestimated, has tackled his new job with intelligence, rare courage, and patriotism. He post-audited quite a few of the more malodorous "cleared" loyalty cases and he apparently did not like what he smelled. Next he called the entire Loyalty Review Board and allegedly unburdened himself of some rather pointed and strong opinions on their past procedures and activities. On February 13, the Loyalty Review Board petitioned President Truman to revise and amend his Executive Order #9835 which had restricted the Board to considering only evidence of present disloyalty. Under this narrow and extremely curious restriction the Board claimed that it had no choice but to clear WILLIAM REMINGTON, GEORGE S. WHEELER, (admitted communist who later fled to Czechoslovakia denouncing this country) JOHN STEWART SERVICE, and others.

Chairman Bingham waited patiently for several months. No amended or strengthened Executive Order was forthcoming. He is then alleged to have

served an ultimatum: "Either give my Board the power to effectively clean subversives out of the Federal government or find yourself a new Chairman."

On April 28th, President Truman tightened up Federal regulations by denying U. S. employment to anyone about whose loyalty there existed "reasonable doubt." The new "tougher" screening procedures will affect about a thousand loyalty cases presently being processed or adjudicated with another 500 "cleared" cases under the older and softer interpretations possibly being re-opened.

Department conventions considering commendations of outstanding public servants who have led the fight against subversion would be well advised to include the name of Chairman Hiram Bingham, of the Loyalty Review Board in suitable resolutions.

A subdued and apathetic crowd watched the 1951 May Day Parade of the communists. The March of Treason took off promptly at 2:30 p.m. from Eighth Avenue and 39th Street. A Negro, a white man in a U. S. Naval uniform, and a woman in an Army nurse's outfit carried three large American Flags at the head of the Parade. HOWARD FAST, commy scribbler, LOUIS WEINSTOCK, veteran commy official, FERDINAND SMITH, alien Negro communist ordered deported years ago, LEON STRAUS, Generalissimo of the Peekskill "security guard" at the Robeson riots, and a number of other C.P. hacks and functionaries followed marching four abreast.

Straus wore an Army officer's uniform without insignia; the Army having picked up his reserve commission last year. About two hundred other red marchers wore various parts or complete uniforms, the Armed Services still having failed to muster up enough courage to yank these imposters out of the line and to demand military identification papers. Every year there has been some talk or rumors that this year the Defense Department would clamp down on the commies masquerading as veterans. Nothing ever happens.

The Daily Worker boasted that there were 75,000 paraders and a quarter of a million onlookers. The New York Police swore there were only 6,200 reds in line and less than 12,000 spectators. Newspaper estimates gave the Stalinists between twelve and fifteen thousand marchers (including the repeaters who doubled back to march twice) and about 25,000 to 35,000 bored onlookers. As was the case last year, a few scattered medieval eggs and bits of miscellaneous vegetables were tossed at the Muscovites in the low Twenties before they turned off Eighth Avenue to head for Union or Red Square.

There were no red flags of ten and twelve years ago. If anyone played or hummed the Internationale it failed to reach the sidewalks. Gone too were clenched fists and fiery shouts and flashing eyes of fifteen and twenty years ago. Except for the bands and monotonous marching chants and robot-like slogans, all the noise came through the public address system set up at the north end of Union Square. Party cheer leaders shouted themselves hoarse for four and a half hours trying futilely to whip up some good old time spirit by screaming exhortations into the microphone. It had very little noticeable effect.

The heaviest accent in the posters, banners, and shouted slogans was naturally on "Peace". "Admit Peoples China to the U.N." and "Bring Our Boys Home From Korea" were runners-up. "Old soldiers never die — but young ones do!" was another overworked onion. "Free Willie McGee", "Repeal Taft-Hartley Law", "No rent increases", "Drop the Indictment Against W. E. B. DuBois", "Stop deportations!" and "Tax the greedy—not the needy" were also much in evidence. There were probably more baby carriages and strollers in line this year than there were last year. Giant cardboard "peace doves" were another popular red item. One large example of Proletart showed a four star U. S. general (presumably Eisenhower) shaking hands with a gorilla dressed like a Nazi storm trooper.

The INTERNATIONAL FURRIERS UNION, communist controlled, the DISTRIBUTIVE,

PROCESSING, AND OFFICE WORKERS UNION, DISTRICT 65, and the I.L.G.W.U. had the largest contingents. Conspicuously absent this year were the UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO, AND MACHINE WORKERS UNION and Mike Quill's Transport Workers Union. Instead of marching several thousand strong as they once did years ago, the NATIONAL MARITIME UNION was represented by possibly thirty dubious-looking "seamen." C.P. units were not identified, a custom started several years ago. Signs merely read: "West Side May Day Committee" or "East Side Bronx Committee for Peace."

By stringing out the line of march to a trickle and with some fifteen to twenty minute gaps between contingents, the wily comrats managed to drag the seditious farce out to four and a half hours. The grand finale, as was the case last year, was a noisy, raucous, animated gang of several hundred adolescents marching behind a sign of the LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE shouting and having a wonderful Stalinist time.

Experienced observers who can spot and identify literally hundreds of seasoned commies had to admit that very few of the old-timers were in line. "Most of them have gone underground a couple of years ago" was the opinion of one veteran anti-communist. The fact that twelve thousand potential quislings nevertheless had the gall to flaunt their disloyalty in a Communist May Day Parade, several hundred in the uniform of the Armed Services, was evaluated by anti-communist experts as proving that the morale of the C.P. is still high and that they apparently are not doing much worrying about further restrictions or penalties on their treasonable behavior. And why should they worry when their press and publishing business, their numerous schools and camps, and other party activities are still carried on completely unmolested eleven months after the beginning of the Korean war? Although some 500,000 undesirable aliens were deported last year, less than a half dozen were C.P. members and they departed voluntarily. About 100 others ordered deported as long ago as 1947 are still with us and carrying on full blast all manner of C.P. activity.

One of the more contemptible of these various C.P. activities has been that of using Red Chinese lists of American POWs and calling up the distressed and worried relatives of these G.I.s and subjecting them to a commy party line spiel about making "peace" with Mao Tze Tung and getting the "Boys home from Korea". These lists, which have no official standing with our government are broadcast by radiotelegraphy from Peiping and intercepted in this country and published in the left wing National Guardian. The vicious part of this business is that the Chinese Reds give preference to those Americans who sign debasing and stultifying "messages to America" in which they express shame and contrition for having "invaded" Korea as tools of Wall Street warmongers. Those who refuse to sign such phony commy "peace" petitions and "messages to America" do not have their names listed or broadcast thus leaving their next of kin to worry whether they are dead or alive.

America, as a signatory to the International Red Cross convention, promptly supplies this organization with complete lists of all prisoners which the Red Cross then forwards to Peiping and Pyongyang. Soviet Russia, Red China, and North Korea have steadfastly refused to sign or adhere to any International Red Cross agreements thus making the publishing of prisoners' lists strictly a one way street. Even the Nazis during the last war adhered to the International Red Cross agreements on prisoners' lists. In behalf of distressed and outraged American families who had been contacted by communists with information on their missing boys, the N. Y. World-Telegram-Sun contacted the F.B.I. to see what could be done to put a stop to this vicious racket. The F.B.I. had to admit that under the law it is helpless. The U. S. is not at war with Red China so these commy ghouls cannot be picked up for trafficking with the enemy. Just a police action, you see.

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WHAT THE COMMUNIST PRESS HAS BEEN SAYING

Except for a small increase in defeatist and morale disintegration material, the communist daily press of the past month showed few significant changes of trend. The Willie McGee case occupied the front-page nearly every day. On front-page space and accent, the McGee case ran about 70% heavier than the next runner-up — "Peace" ala Stalin, or "End the Korean War Now!" The MacArthur ouster and virulent attacks on him made the front page seven times.

Charges that "Warmaker Truman" wants war in Europe instead of in Asia were front-paged five times. Attacks on the McCarran Act, Subversive Activities Control Board and its witnesses, soaring living costs and charges that price controls were "phony", and straight out and out defeatist propaganda all made the front-page in 96 point boldface or front-page editorials at least three days. The National Peace Rally, "The Brass Wants War—The People Want Peace", "Britain Says U.S. arms build-up perils World Peace", crime and racket scandals, May Day Parade "March for Peace" notices, and communists in trouble all hit the front-page of America's Pravda once or twice.

Editorials pretty well reflected the importance which the Muscovites on East 13th Street assign to the various above categories. Negro and racial items rated less space with "End the War In Korea" and get out of Asia material grabbing off the most editorial lineage. The MacArthur case with the follow-up testimony of Generals Marshall and Bradley were given full column editorial treatment six days. Attacks on MacArthur's "evil counsel" took up another three days' columns. The rest of the editorials scattered from comment on the Vogeler case to yelps about sending 200 U. S. troops to Iceland.

Generals Hap Arnold and Eisenhower were quoted from speeches made years ago to prove that Russia could never be defeated in war and that hence any idea of

war against the Soviets is sheer suicide for the United States. Psychological warfare students would do well carefully to read and analyze the increasing amount of demoralization material which the trained saboteurs of the Kremlin are squeezing into the Daily Worker. The main propaganda theme, of course, remains the Soviet line of "peace" and the counter charge that it is the United States and the United States alone that is responsible for all the world's woes, war, atomic jitters, re-armament and crushing taxations and lowered living standards. Peaceful Soviet building and scientific pursuits to uplift all of mankind are contrasted with the war-mongering and mad, suicidal choice of war and fascism by America instead of peace, democracy and world-understanding.

"Operation Killer" is nothing more than a mad plot of profits greedy Wall Streeters to exterminate all of Asia and to coin human blood into gold. The whole Truman-MacArthur battle is nothing but a sham and fraud to the communists. Comrade Lohr in a leading and bold-faced type article says, "The so-called difference between warmakers Truman and MacArthur is a gigantic hoax and more and more people are saying so and are beginning to demand the only solution in the Korean war--Peace!" The fact that the New York Stock Market drops at the slightest rumors of peace is used by the Stalinists as clinching proof that the whole boom and soaring stock market is geared to "hopes of spreading the war."

During the past thirty days the Daily Worker praised or endorsed the RADIO WRITERS GUILD, Hollywood Division, for opposing the "witch-hunting tactics" of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. It also thought well of "Stalag 17" a play produced and directed by JOSE FERRER. It thought the EASTERN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY a very nice group because it went on record opposing loyalty oaths. And it could not say too many nice things for the AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION for its "courageous" blasting of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and also because the A.C.L.U. had sternly warned the Motion Picture Industry not to discriminate against anyone who refused to answer H.C.U.A.A. questions.

The Worker also had editorial pats on the head for the "great Peoples artist—PAUL ROBESON" and for GEORGE MARION'S book "All Quiet in the Kremlin." SAM WANAMAKER received some Red orchids for making the following observation which the Daily Worker quotes:

"We all want to live and fulfill ourselves in our work. But as a soldier in the last war the question was how do I keep from being killed in combat. Not to resist meant defeat. The enemy's object is to destroy. Not to resist makes it easier for him to kill you. I say that the person who remains silent will be in a concentration camp tomorrow right behind those speaking out now."

The D.W. used the quote in connection with the strange silence of some Hollywood actors and writers who now refuse to attack the House Un-American Activities Committee as they did in 1947.

The Voice of Moscow in America also thought very highly of KALMAN SIEGAL's article recently in the N. Y. Times wherein Siegal made the horrendous discovery that fear is stalking the campuses of this country and that the deadly miasmic cloud of "conformity" is settling upon our fair land. This was a sly and cunningly conceived article to make it appear that college loyalty oaths and the ousting of communist professors (have you heard of one canned yet?) was apparently part of some sinister plot to clamp the iron collar of "conformity" on the minds of the educators of this country.

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THE PERIPHERY PRESS

NEW WORLD REVIEW (formerly SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY). Communist contempt for consistency and the intelligence of the non-communist world is once more strikingly exemplified in this borderline rag. The sole avowed purpose and alleged policy of the S.R.T. and now N.W.R. is to explain and interpret Soviet life and foreign policy in order to cement better relations between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. At least that is what the commies have always claimed.

So what do we find in the April issue?

A defense of the eleven convicted commu leaders and a virulent attack on the Smith and McCarran Acts. Inasmuch as the convicted communists argued strenuously that they were not Soviet agents but true blue Americans of unblemished patriotism and purity, it is hard to understand what legitimate interest a pro-Soviet magazine devoted to extolling the unalloyed joys of life in Russia can have in their conviction. Probably bourgeois obtuseness and inability to understand the more subtle nuances of dialectical materialism on our part.

MARCH OF LABOR plays up enormous corporation profits and wage freezes. In addition to covering packing house workers, U.E. defense problems and gloating over the rise of "progressive" (read Communist) strength in the 60,000 membership Local 600 of the United Auto Workers in Ford, M.O.L. joins the offensive against air raid training for school children. Nor does it like anti-communist comic books or bubble gum cards, a whole article by BESS KLEINMAN being devoted to that inspiring subject. Attacks on Joe Curran of the National Maritime Union, on Lundberg and the Sailors Union of the Pacific, and one on Walter Reuther of the U.A.W. complete the rest of the 30 page, slick paper commu mag.

ECONOMIC NOTES plays up "peace scares" and their bad effect on markets. It quotes liberally from conservative financial papers to prove the communist point that Wall Street is coining unheard of profits out of the "lengthening casualty lists from Korea." Rising prices are contrasted with the Soviet Union where food products recently have been cut 10 to 15%. Housing cuts with resultant overcrowding and rent gouges are naturally played up in this party line economic dope sheet. Record profits of biggest companies also get a big play. "Monopolis fatten on Atom Bomb Business" completes the issue.

JEWISH LIFE for April follows the line meticulously. It, too, accents the needless loss of life in Korea and the "Way to Peace". Defeatist and

demoralization slants are worked in wherever they can be. WILLIAM MANDEL contributes a long article on the Richmond, Virginia, execution of the Martinsville Seven. "Witch-hunting in the American Jewish Congress", some miscellaneous articles on the uprising of the Warsaw Ghetto, and real tear jerker on the troubles of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER make up the bulk of the April issue of Jewish Life.

FREEDOM naturally gave over most of its April space to the McGee case. The new Federal Civil Defense Director, Millard Caldwell, Jr. also came under fire. Two pages are given over to glorification of PAUL ROBESON, (he is chairman of the editorial board!) a page is devoted to Negro news from Africa and the balance of the sheet goes to Josephine Baker and various miscellaneous items.

CHALLENGE manages to come out every month with four pages tabloid style. Its forte is "Peace" and pictures of Korean mothers and babies slain by MacArthur's bombers. Negro and racial incitation items also get a strong play in this commy line tabloid.

VETS VOICE for April claims that 83% of the ex-G.I.s living in a Chelsea housing development "voted for peace." V.V. was burned up that its delegation to a phony peace crusade in Washington had been refused permission to place a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They laid their wreaths on the grave of General EVANS CARLSON, a Marine Corps pet of the comrades. Veterans Voice is also exercised about the indictment of W. E. B. DuBois, previously reported in this Summary.

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INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE

Chinese Nationalist Intelligence sources claim that the Russians have mobilized an international force of some twenty thousand men in Manchuria

awaiting orders from Moscow. Some are Japanese but the majority are European non-Russians. The same report claimed an "International Aid Korea" air force had been formed with some 800 combat planes ready for action against American forces in Korea.

West European trade unions put Soviet Russia in the dock as a criminal today at Brussels. A six nation tribunal composed of former concentration camp victims will hear the evidence presented by the "International Committee Against Concentration Camp Regimes." It is thought the proceedings, the first of their kind in history will take several weeks. Watch for American press coverage -- if any.

The INTERNATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS executive committee completed sessions on April 25th in Peiping. The I.U.S. is an important adjunct of the world-wide communist solar system of fronts. "Closer cooperation between the revolutionary students of Red China and the students of colonial and dependent countries as well as peace-loving students in other countries in order to bring about the complete defeat of American imperialism and to defend world peace" was the ostensible reason of the conference according to the Peiping Peoples Daily. Students of the world are called upon to come to Berlin this summer to attend the Third World Festival of Youth.

The Boston Bar Association has moved secretly to have ALGER HISS disbarred in Massachusetts. Documents were filed on the q.t. but the case was marked for the Massachusetts Supreme Court in June. Hiss became a member of the bar in that state in 1931.

DR. CLARENCE F. HISKEY, 38 year old atomic scientist accused of passing atomic bomb know-how to a Soviet agent, has been reinstated to his professorship at Brooklyn Polytechnic. Hiskey was cleared on April 13 of contempt of Congress

charges on a technicality. Polytechnic paid him full back pay for the time he was suspended. In a prepared statement he thanked the president and trustees of Brooklyn Polytechnic for their adherence to "old fashioned American standards of academic freedom and tenure, even in the current political climate."

BIROBIJAN, much touted Soviet homeland set aside for Jews in eastern Siberia, is being abandoned according to a recent New York Times news report. Jews from various parts of the Soviet Union are now being settled in Krasnoyarsk area of Siberia instead of Birobijan which was first opened in 1928. Recently the whole staff of the Birobijan Stern, last Yiddish language newspaper left in all of Russia, was purged. The AMBIJAN Committee in this country simultaneously announced that it was winding up its affairs in a month or two. AMBIJAN (an amalgamation of American Birobijan) was one of the C.P.s oldest fronts.

EDWARD DYMTRYK, who broke with the communists while serving a year's sentence as one of the notorious Hollywood Ten and who made a complete and thorough expose of his connections with communism in Hollywood recently before the House Un-American Activities Committee, has secured work again with an independent studio.

AGNES SMEDLEY, veteran member of the Soviet underground and a reputed spy for Russia in the Far East, who died in England last year has been buried in Peiping. Miss SMEDLEY, American-born, left her estate to Chou En Lai of the Communist Chinese Army and willed that her remains be buried in Red China.

See page 1951 of the April 13 Congressional Record for interesting information on the U. S. Minister to Switzerland, Mr. John Carter Vincent. Bottom of middle column, sentence beginning, "Washington scuttlebutt...."

Russian agents in Ethiopia are boasting to natives, "We shall soon be at the Suez Canal."

The trial of W. E. B. DuBOIS for failure to register as a foreign agent has been postponed by a big-hearted Federal Judge until next October in order to give DuBois' lawyers time to take depositions in Paris.

The Right Rev. Dr. HEWLETT JOHNSON, better known in this country as the "Red Dean of Canterbury" has been barred from Holland as an undesirable alien. The Red Dean wanted to visit the land of dikes and windmills to attend another "Peace confab." He has been a frequent if unwelcome visitor to these shores.

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COMMUNISM IN ENTERTAINMENT, the current Congressional hearings on communism in Hollywood, book reviews and much other important material were crowded out because of lack of time. This material and diagnostic treatment of a new and pesky phenomenon, the YELLOW TRAVELLER, will appear in the June issue, together with a completely revised and up-to-date list of various and assorted "unapproved" characters. Don't miss it!

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MARCH ON WASHINGTON

Organizations participating in the All-American Conference to Combat Communism did an outstanding job of alerting their local units and leaders to the fact that the recent "peace pilgrimage" to Washington, D. C., was a Communist promotion. No representative of any organization participating in the All-American Conference was present when the "peace pilgrims" assembled in the nation's capital.

So effective a job was done that even the Daily Worker, the Voice of the Kremlin in America, could not summon heart to estimate the number of "pilgrims" at more than twenty-five hundred. Capitol observers called the crowd at one-fifth of that figure.

In its effect upon Congress and its impact upon the nation, the March "peace pilgrimage," sponsored by the Communists and fronted by what is called the American Peace Crusade, was a dud. But losing a battle does not mean losing a war. Communists return to the fray, using mankind's universal aspiration to live at peace as a means to divide our people and weaken our nation. This time it's to be called an American People's Congress and Exposition for Peace, to be held on June 29, 30, and July 1 at Chicago.

Here's the background:

CHICAGO "PEACE" RALLY

A banner headline in the Daily Worker announces "Nationwide Peace Gathering Set for Chicago on June 29th." The three column wide lead paragraph begins, "More than 230 prominent Americans, among them four Protestant Bishops and 78 other clergymen are among the sponsors of an American People's Congress and Exposition for Peace called by the American Peace Crusade for June 29, 30 and July 1 at the Chicago Coliseum, Chicago, it was announced yesterday. Five thousand delegates, representing millions of Americans of all religious, social and political creeds, are expected to attend the Congress."

Exploiting but not explaining the loss of life in Korean fighting, the "Call" for the meeting proclaims, "Every father and mother is appalled at the loss of life in Korea. The whole country stands aghast at the danger of war with Asia. . . . Negotiations and settlements among the Big Five . . . an end to the tragic hour in Korea . . . withdrawal of all non-Korean troops . . . these are the real alternatives to the present drift to war."

The three day program in Chicago will feature, the Daily Worker states, ". . . Round Table sessions on 'Colonialism and War,' 'Standards of Living and

The War Budget,' 'Civil Rights and Militarization,' 'Educating our Children-for War or Peace,' a Public Rally and Pageant, both on Friday. On Saturday, June 30, there will be workshops on The Path to Peace, in special panels for labor, women, youth and farmers. These panels will also discuss special problems of discrimination against the Negro people arising out of the war atmosphere. Techniques in work for peace and State delegation meetings will follow, and the final event of the evening will be a Dance and Cultural Festival. Sunday, July 1, will open with an Interfaith Devotional Service, Program discussion and election of officers. A sports meet and Delegates tour of Chicago will conclude the Congress."

A follow-up "plug" for the Chicago rally has the Daily Worker using the headline "Chicago Meeting to Ask Peace in Korea, Big 5 Parleys, Ban Atom Weapons." This time the Communist newspaper issues a "ringing call to the nation" going out on a limb to predict that some 5,000 delegates will be present when the first session is called to order in Chicago's Coliseum.

THE COMMUNIST STRATEGY

What the Communists hope to accomplish with the Chicago meeting and setting up continuing organization is no secret. Back to the Daily Worker to quote, "We call upon everybody, the call says, to come and bring their ideas, their hopes and plans—all young and old, Negro and white, Protestant, Catholic and Jew, working people, farmers and professionals. Let us lay aside all differences, and pool our resources for a plan to Save America by Saving the Peace."

Define the word "professionals" to mean, as it does literally and accurately, "professional soldiers in the advance army of the Kremlin," and you have the old "front" technique of assembling Communists and non-Communists for a specific purpose, with the Communists at the controls and the non-Communists in the show window.

The building of what they term a "mass peace front among the people who feel strongly that peace must be saved" does not imply that the Communists would be just another participant in the front organization. The Daily Worker, commenting on the peace front, quotes a leading European Communist leader as follows: "The Communists have no reluctance in declaring that guidance in the fight for peace comes from the people of the Soviet Union." Since the people of the Soviet Union are not asked much of anything these days, that is notice to the world that the Kremlin directs the formation and operation of these Communist-promoted "peace" front rallies.

WORLDWIDE COMMUNIST UNDERTAKING

The significance of what will be attempted in Chicago on June 29, 30 and July 1 can be fully understood only against the backdrop of the present worldwide Communist plan to divide the free nations and free peoples of the world by masking appeasement of Communist aggression as "peace."

Directed by the Communist dominated World Peace Council, which was recently ousted from its Paris headquarters by the French Government, The Communist Party line sets three objectives for the present drive:

(1) A signature and support campaign, along the lines of the Stockholm Appeal (which faltered only as the press and group leaders exposed its use of peace

as a weapon for war) to bring about a Big Five Pact that will accept and legalize Communist domination in Poland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria and Red China and end United Nations resistance to North Korean aggression in the war-torn peninsula.

(2) Formation of "peace" front organizations to establish "talking relations and joint action" with "every other kind of peace movement." Communist news releases even spell out the kinds of groups with which the Communists are to work as " . . . contact with world government groups, approaches to both the Catholic and Protestant churches, all trends in Europe and Asia which favor neutrality, as well as discussion for bases of common action with pacifists." Those selected for the wooing have reason to remember that Soviet tyranny represents the exact opposite, in goals believed worthwhile and means to be used to approach such ends, of all who want world unity, religious values and enduring peace.

(3) Bringing together those who are cultural leaders or in a position to influence mass attitudes to "discuss the problems of culture in a war-preparing world." Suggested by the Daily Worker as targets of this phase of the program are "writers, artists, scientists, theatre and film people." An International Commission for Cultural Relations is planned to front and spearhead the drive for support among the groups listed, as well as journalists, teachers and students.

STEALING THE DICTIONARY

While the theme of all three of these proposals is, to quote once again the official news organ of the Communists in the United States, " . . . reaching out to the millions, reaching out to find a common program with those who don't agree on other problems," there is something more involved in this newest major undertaking of the forces of world Communism, or so some believe.

At the recent All-American Conference meeting in Philadelphia, one of the speakers, a well-known author engaged in intelligence work for the Army, predicted a Communist shift from reliance on developing revolutionary attitudes to reliance on the Soviet military force as the base of the Communist movement. He suggested that the affiliates of the Soviet Army, the worldwide Communist parties, would concentrate upon dividing and demoralizing the populations in other nations, particularly those where the Soviet military forces are likely to strike.

Gaining converts to appeasement of Soviet Russia in the name of peace would fit such altered emphasis or changed Party line, replacing primary reliance on efforts to gain converts to the Communist ideology.

Regardless of its motivation, the new Communist strategy of seeking to use the word "peace" to advance Communist objectives is not to be taken lightly. "Peace" is a holy word, representing an inward aspiration of men and religious groups for centuries. In its name, the Communists may approach individuals and groups who would not listen to an open defense of Soviet tyranny or Communist totalitarianism.

This propaganda device called "transference," the use of good words, taken from democratic contexts, but giving them reverse meanings and using them for evil purposes is nothing new. Communists have long used great words, such as "democracy" and "liberty" and "education" to describe their tyranny and slavery and propaganda.

The new switch in word meanings-using "peace" to describe appeasement of Soviet military aggression-represents a major and worldwide undertaking of the Communists. It can best be combated by exposing the Communist origin and control of the new Communist supported "peace" front. From this fact of Communist origin and control, rather than from professed objectives, people will know what is planned and intended.

CHRONOLOGY OF RECENT EVENTS

In February, 1951, the World Peace Council, a Communist dominated organization, announced plans for a worldwide campaign to " . . . establish talking relations, and if possible, joint action with every other kind of peace movement."

In February, 1951, the American Peace Crusade, a Communist supported organization, announced plans for a "peace pilgrimage" to Washington in March, to achieve peace by "recognizing great social changes in Europe and Asia."

In March, 1951, "at a meeting of sponsors" during the Washington Peace Pilgrimage, plans were announced "for a nationwide congress to be held in Chicago in June to set up a permanent organization."

In April, 1951, the Daily Worker, official organ of the Communists in America, announced that the American Peace Crusade, sponsor of the Washington "peace pilgrimage," had called an American People's Congress and Exposition for Peace for June 29, 30 and July 1 in Chicago.

In April, 1951, the House Committee on Un-American Activities, in its "Report on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive," reported that the American Peace Crusade was a Communist front organization. The Secretary of State had earlier termed this group " . . . a continuation or re-grouping of the spurious Partisans of Peace, . . . the most concentrated and farflung propaganda efforts of the International Communist movement in the postwar world."

In June, 1951, as a leader in an American organization participating in the All-American Conference to Combat Communism, you have the opportunity to alert leaders of state and local units in your organization, and, particularly, those in and around the Chicago area to the true nature and sponsorship of the so-called American People's Congress and Exposition for Peace, to be held in Chicago's Coliseum on June 29, 30 and July 1.

Your cooperation will prevent the attendance at the Chicago "peace" congress and exposition of those who might not otherwise know or suspect the Communist origin and control of the program. Your cooperation will help to expose and render valueless this latest Communist hoax and swindle.

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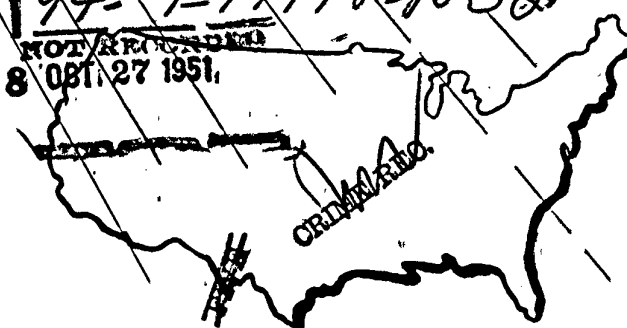
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THE SPOTLIGHT

AMERICAN ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE, which gives a St. Louis, Missouri, street address as 1533 South Grand Avenue, appears to be nothing but another adjunct or subsidiary of the REVEREND GERALD L. K. SMITH'S various enterprises. A recent announcement listed WESLEY SWIFT, of Lancaster, California, as director and JOHN W. HAMILTON, of the above address, and DON LOHBECK as other officials. All three have long been associated with G. L. K. SMITH. HAMILTON is the character who gets up at Smith rallies and dramatically bares his arm to show where the communists branded him #666 when he allegedly joined the C.P. He even wrote a pamphlet, "I Was Branded #666."

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND ROOSEVELT WARD, JR. The commies in time may run short of money, short of above-ground officials, and short of other things, but they will never run short of "committees" to defend this, that, and what have you. Latest defense front to appear in the Daily Worker is something called the "COMMITTEE TO DEFEND ROOSEVELT WARD, JR." WARD is a vice president of the LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE who has been rapidly pushed to the front as a rising young "Negro youth leader" by the Muscovites. Seems that Roosevelt forgot to notify his draft board of his whereabouts or otherwise failed to show up when Uncle Sam called him, so now he is in the toils of law. That makes him a commy martyr and the tin cans are rattling for small change for his defense. A recent Harlem Rally to launch the new front drew such "celebrities" as PAUL ROBESON, LOUIS BURNHAM, CLAUDIA JONES, and RUBIN WEINSTEIN, Chairman of the East Side Federation of Social Clubs.

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"M," "Sirocco," and other Columbia Pictures films. See Counterattack #213 (June 22, 1951) for documentation on a number of commy-front supporters who for some curious reason crop up in various Columbia Pictures movies. The New York Times of August 6 also reports from Hollywood that Columbia is doing another JUDY HOLLIDAY film to be entitled, "The Marrying Kind," a picture with BURT LANCASTER in it, and

"Death of a Salesman," by party-liner ARTHUR MILLER. Maybe some kind Santa Claus will mail Columbia Pictures a copy of Red Channels. They need it!

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THE WORLD COMMUNIST FRONT

The Korean cease-fire negotiations are proving to be an excellent training course for American military leaders in Bolshevik psychological warfare and the complexities of the communist mind, subjects which apparently are not on the curricula of Annapolis or West Point. Military men who all their lives scoffed at communists as irrational crackpots and witless fanatics are now learning the hard way what Marxian dialectics can do to the human mind. Bolshevik dialecticians, as a matter of training and deeply ingrained communist doctrine, always drag along for as far as they can even the most simple and unimportant negotiations with their bourgeois or democratic opponents. This is not due to Bolshevik boorishness or stupid communist desire to be unreasonable or unco-operative, but to certain very important psychological considerations.

Primarily, communists continuously inoculate themselves with the Marxian doctrine of historical inevitability. They are the "wave of the future" and world communism is now advancing with seven-league boots to the final showdown with and overthrow of all other political systems. If they are to be the victors and conquerors of the world then it must follow that in any negotiations or temporary arrangements with the class enemy that communists always act as superiors in the presence of those they frankly admit they will destroy in the imminent future. Hence their insistence that the armistice site be transferred from a neutral ship to Kaesong in their territory.

Secondarily, communists must always pose as unbreakable men of iron with steel-hardened wills. Communists always claim everything and concede absolutely

nothing to their foe. All communist negotiations, as everyone knows who has ever closely observed the breed, are based on the premise that the whole world and the moon belong to them as a simple matter of right not even to be argued about. After prolonged and embittered wrangling they reluctantly and with faked magnanimity settle for the earth and all that is on it and big-heartedly and in a spirit of "true compromise" leave the question of the moon to future settlement. Pretty much the same sort of thing is now going on in Korea, much to the bafflement of the Western mind. The simple answer to all this sort of communist arrogance and histrionics is the only language they understand and fear: total crushing power, such as the Germans used in World War I to the utter dismay and eventual surrender of Lenin and Trotzky at Brest-Litovsk, the most debasing and humiliating treaty of peace signed in modern times. Even "iron" Bolsheviks can bend their necks and swallow their Marxian pride when a bayonet touches their jugular vein.

Tertiary and other subsidiary reasons for communist intransigence in negotiations are that by putting on such a hard and implacable front they hope to dissuade their bourgeois opponents from coming back with similar stiff counter-proposals under the delusion that they would thereby be lowering themselves to the level of the communists in intractable unreasonableness. And by interminably dragging out such negotiations, the communists hope to squeeze out every last drop of advantage to them by wearying and wearing down the Western negotiators. Also by confusing and befuddling the original issues at stake, new and immaterial issues can be sneaked in and made part of the final settlement. American employers and others who have had to negotiate with commies in the past fifteen or twenty years will be able to sympathize with Admiral Joy and other American armistice negotiators in Korea. IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO THE SIMPLE FACT THAT YOU CANNOT DO BUSINESS WITH STALINISTS, even if there are people in the State Department who think they can.

The newspapers have naturally raised a clamor, as they should, over the Oatis case. There is no discernible difference between this most recent communist

outrage and the Angus Ward, Vogeler, and other similar cases, including the illegal detention of two American Naval fliers by the Chinese Reds for nearly two years, except that Oatis is a newspaperman. Even the Olympian New York Times, which usually manages to maintain a noble and lofty "objectivity" over such annoying communist peccadillos, "went to town," as the vernacular puts it, over the Oatis case. A lead editorial (July 5), "TACTICS OF TERROR," bemoans the fact that "The dreadful monster of Communist 'justice' has claimed another innocent victim." As is usually the case with the Times when it attempts to analyze and interpret Bolshevik motivation, its erudite editorial writers spear and jab in the Stygian darkness of materialist dialectics only to come up with nothing.

The Times goes on, "As the curtain descends on this sickening tragedy we must for our own sanity and clarity of mind, try (sic) to understand it." The Times then futilely "trys" to understand the Oatis case with pretty sickening results. We are informed that this is nothing but the "use of terror as an instrument of politics, a means of domination, as old as history and we cannot accuse the Communists of inventing it." It then indulges in some ignorant perversions of history by claiming that "Egyptian pharaohs, Roman proconsuls, kings, inquisitors, Inca chieftains (evidently confusing the mild Inca civilization with the bloody Aztecs), and colonial rulers, all employed (terror) as a matter of course." In other words, communists are doing only what all other tyrannies have done throughout history. As a matter of fact, any literate high-school boy at all conversant with Roman history will be surprised to learn that proconsuls employed Bolshevik methods of torture and terror as a matter of Roman law and administrative process.

The editorial then comes up with the bright suggestion that Oatis' imprisonment "may serve some foul and twisted purpose of Communist tyranny in its desperate struggle to maintain power. We must concede the temporary effectiveness of terror as a means of oppression and repression, but we know it is wicked, degrading, inhuman, retrogressive." So there is a good slap on the wrist of Mr. Beria and the

communist secret police of every Soviet satellite! One can imagine the shudders of horror which must wrack the frames of N.K.V.D. officials as they read Russian translations of the New York Times editorial denouncing their "foul and twisted purposes." The rest of this viciously silly editorial is not even worth quoting or ridiculing except to offer it for some sort of booby prize in futilitarian writing. The great and infinitely wise New York Times frankly admits that none of its speculative nostrums "offers us the hope of a completely successful or quick remedy, but surely we have reached a point where helpless acceptance of barbarity against American citizens is becoming unbearable. Some means must be found to restrain these brutes or at least to make them squeal." Even this pantywaist finger-wagging and demand that we "do something" is invalidated by several previous paragraphs warning that "We must be careful not to commit the same type of judicial iniquity of which we accuse the Reds," and "not to descend into the mire (which) would be to lose the ideals for which we strive."

The real reasons for Oatis' arrest, phony trial, and false imprisonment are quite simple and have been explained in this Summary several times in the past, particularly in #2 of the February, 1949, issue in connection with the Cardinal Mindszenty "trial." The onward march of Soviet Imperialism toward world conquest for Bolshevism is substantially blocked by two main concentrations of spiritual resistance and material power: Christianity and the industrial might of the United States. Both, therefore, are under constant and heavy politico-psychological attack. By periodically arresting, "convicting" (complete with N.K.V.D.-extorted "confessions"), and imprisoning Americans, their friends and allies, and leading church dignitaries, Soviet Russia and her puppets demonstrate to all the world the apparent weakness and pusillanimity of the West. Latin-Americans, Moslems, Hindus, and most other non-European countries, cultures, and religions put great stock in the dignity of man and the responsibility of the state to protect fully its nationals and those under its jurisdiction.

One of the central tenets of Bolshevism is the infallibility and omnipotence of the Soviet Power. Neither God, Christianity, the Catholic Church or any other religion, nor even the United States can stop or deter the smallest single act of Soviet Power. The endless and senseless murders of thousands of Nikola Petkovs and General Mikhailovitchs, the endless and witless insults to and imprisonments of Americans, Catholics, and others of the West, are all part of a continuing psychological war against the free world. Those already behind the Iron Curtain and under communist terror can see the futility of hoping for rescue by the West, which cannot even protect its own citizens and church leaders. The vast, wavering half-world of Hindus, Arabs, and others already under the advancing shadow of the Soviet colossus can read in the "lessons" of Petkov, Stephanic, Mindszenty, Angus Ward, Vogeler, Oatis, and other cases a grim warning of their own future fate should they be so stupid as to pin their hope of life and security on a Western world which is too craven and weak to defend even its own people and church leaders.

What we have here is a very simple little game, even if the learned pundits of the New York Times and their numerous ilk pretend not to be able to "fathom the dark and foul mysteries of the communist mind." Soviet Russia, it should be noted, does not itself bother much to torment or bedevil the hated Amerikanskies. Like a cat which teaches its kittens to harry and torment a mouse while it stays benignly in the background, the U.S.S.R. encourages its fourth-rate satellites to take turns having a lot of good, clean fun kicking big Uncle Sam in the pants and on his sensitive shins. This serves a double purpose. It makes mighty America look silly and fatuous and it gives the little commy satellites a chance to flex their muscles and feel like real little toughies. What many Americans do not understand, and what such erudite sources of information on world communism as the New York Times do not help to make them understand, is that in many parts of the non-European world the ability to humiliate and insult your enemy is accepted as proof of your superiority and ability to lick him.

Mr. Edward Barrett's \$1,000,000 annually spent on the U.S. Information Service and the Voice of America's broadcasts, excellent as some of these are now becoming, painting the beauties and harmony of life in America, become totally meaningless to many races and peoples who live under only such simple propositions as justice, fair play, protection of one's own, the dignity of the individual, and the responsibility and prestige of big powers in protecting its own nationals. One Oatis or Vogeler case therefore does more to lower America in the eyes of much of the world than endless millions spent on such trivia as showing how an average peanut-farmer in Virginia lives or the beauties of Monticello.

As long as we continue to take such gratuitous insults lying down with only State Department "Naughty boy, you know you should not do this" letters of protest, you may be sure that other commy puppets will continue the merry game of batting around off such a sucker pitcher. There are, of course, as Dean Acheson well knows, any number of effective answers, short of war, to such communist provocations. Economic sanctions, cancellation of trade treaties, total suspension of all trade, closing of consular offices, restriction or drastic curtailment of entry for any purpose whatever from satellites, closing of the Panama Canal to communist flag shipping on security grounds, and other measures up to and including withdrawal of diplomatic recognition, suggest themselves. The American Federation of Labor, which generally supports and works closely with the State Department, last June laid down a "Get tough with Russia" line in its Monthly Survey which somehow was ignored in the public press. In an unusually strong attack on State Department policy the A.F.L. flatly charged that lack of any kind of policy for ending the Korean war "honorably" had brought the United States perilously close to appeasement. (See June Monthly Survey of the A. F. L.)

Equally important to those Americans attempting to arrive at some intelligent understanding of the alleged "enigma wrapped in mystery" of Soviet policy and actions is the August issue of Intelligence Digest. (Sample copies

can be obtained from publishers at Room 7023, Empire State Building, New York 1, N. Y., by mentioning this Summary.) Instead of State Department drivel about "strong points," Point 4, "containment," "hoping for the best," and other Kennan-Jessup daydreams and wish fulfillment of international peace and harmony by making the naughty boys of the Politburo understand what really bad, bad boys they are and why they simply must mend their ways and be nice like we are, Intelligence Digest lays the bad news on the line and invites you to do your own thinking.

Intelligence Digest confirms what C. L. Sulzberger, Leon Dennen, and other intelligent observers have already reported. Soviet Russia is building up a huge, well-trained, and well-equipped military force of satellites which in another year or two can take care of anything that Eisenhower can possibly muster in western Europe, without the employment of a single Russian division. Russia would supply only necessary air cover. She has already largely succeeded in doing this in Red China as far as Korea is concerned. All the bloody purges and ousting of satellite military leaders which ignorant news commentators and editorial writers have attributed to alleged "Soviet weakness and inability to depend on her puppet states" are really clean-ups of doubtful military elements and their replacement, either with Russians or communist stooges, about whose dependability the N.K.V.D. does not have the slightest doubts.

Intelligence Digest reports that East European satellite armies are rapidly being co-ordinated into the Red Army system so that they will be ready for offensive warfare by the fall of 1952. Commands are integrated in the Soviet system, officers above rank of major must speak and understand Russian, and many of them are being trained in Red Army special schools. By September, 1952, Stalin will have 63 divisions of well-armed and thoroughly indoctrinated satellite troops with an estimated 21 to 26 motorized or armored divisions. This does not include the 22 divisions of Soviet East Germany. Such a military force, with Soviet air protection, could presumably "liberate" the rest of Europe from "American war-mongering occupation"

without the use of a single Soviet ground soldier. This fits precisely into classic Leninist dogma that the Soviet motherland, the cradle and fortress of world Bolshevism, must herself NEVER be involved in any war with powerful Western adversaries which might possibly defeat Russia and thus destroy the very fountainhead of Socialism and the world revolution. This explains Russia's not seizing her obvious military advantages in Europe since 1945, why Russia did not need to worry about North Korea, with Red China held in reserve, and why Stalin can consistently and with apparent sincerity yammer about "Peace" in season and out. And the longer Soviet Russia herself refrains from any outward moves of military aggression or build-up of strength, the better the chance of lulling the West back into complacency and "business as usual."

In keeping with Stalin's "Peace! -- It's Wonderful" propaganda line, Moscow last month announced the birth of yet another bimonthly magazine devoted exclusively to "promoting closer understanding between the peoples of the Soviet Union and the Anglo-American world." Published in English for obvious export reasons, the "News" is edited by an Oxford-educated Russian professor. The first two issues are reported to have been in fairly smooth idiomatic English without the usual Marxian terminology and communist billingsgate.

Stalin's main propaganda line remains clear and simple to understand. The West must first be split and weakened, with America isolated from most of all of her potential allies and supporters. Communist psychological-warfare experts know full well that "hope springs eternal in the bourgeois breast," and that much of the democratic world can easily be confused, weakened, and split through simple reiteration of Russia's pretended peaceful desires. The will-o'-the-wisp that if we only try hard enough, somehow some kind of workable agreement can be made with Soviet Russia to insure the peace of the world and avert the manifest horrors of atomic war, is still extremely potent and persuasive. The counterproposition that there are weapons and means of breaking and crushing Soviet will to power without

military forms of war is always overlooked or seldom mentioned. The alleged indomitability of communist will to power is a Moscow-inspired myth now almost universally accepted. Our State Department's entire policy with respect to Russia has obviously been based on complete and uncritical acceptance of this specious major premise.

Equally spurious and hypocritical was the recent Shvernik letter to President Truman and the worthless resolution, purporting to have come from the All Union Supreme Soviet, suggesting another five-power conference with a view "to strengthening peace." The amazing fact is that the Politburo still has such cynical contempt for the intelligence and integrity of Western leaders that it can seriously propose another futile conference with the West within a couple of months after the inglorious ending of a four-month "Ministers' Conference" at Paris which accomplished precisely nothing in resolving even minor differences between the two worlds.

The latest phony Soviet proposal contained nothing new except the brazen demand that Red China be included as the fifth Great Power in any future five-power conference to work out a world peace agreement. The whole fraudulent Supreme Soviet proposal, prepared by the Soviet Foreign Office, is nothing but a dreary rehash of similar previous proposals made in the United Nations in 1949 and 1950. The Supreme Soviet, as this Summary pointed out in a previous issue, is a bogus "Congress," without power, which meets twice a year dutifully to rubber-stamp whatever the Kremlin may have cooked up in the past six months. Delegates are elected and serve solely with a view to a free trip to the fleshpots of Moscow twice a year.

As for Nikolai Shvernik, a comparative newcomer to most Americans, he is the "President of the Praesidium" of the Supreme Soviet, and with about as much political power and independence as assistant dog-catcher of Burnips Corners.

The resolution of the Supreme Soviet, which is addressed to the American people, is too lengthy to summarize or digest but should be read in full by those interested in typical communist double talk and cynical hypocrisy. It was

reprinted in full in the New York Times for August 7. It is nothing more than a long recital of alleged unfriendly acts against Russia by the United States which are of value only in determining where the shoe pinches. "Discriminatory measures in the trade field," rearmament of Germany and Japan, and the North Atlantic Pact, and rearmament of Western Europe seem to pinch Stalin's toes.

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THE HOME SECTOR and other divisions of the Summary omitted from this issue, due to the absence of the Research Specialist on leave, will be resumed in the September issue.

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COMMUNIST FRONTS

The American Peace Crusade

The American Peace Crusade shindig held in Chicago, June 29, 30, and July 1, was apparently deemed a huge success. The Daily Worker has been writing it up for the past month and follow-up meetings have been held in the principal cities of the country.

The Chicago Tribune estimated the attendance at the main rally, held the night of June 29, at 6,600. A veteran observer, however, placed it at 8,500. The Peace Crusaders were put out somewhat by the appearance of a picket line in front of the Coliseum. The pickets were displaced persona from the Iron Curtain countries and carried banners saying, "Soviet Peace means slavery for 800 million people," "Moscow Peace is a peace-meal enslavement of free nations," "'Peaceful' Soviets killing our boys in Korea," "Russia wants peace -- a piece of America." The Peace Crusade goon squad was on hand and tried to block the path of the pickets. They were unsuccessful and one picket was heard to remark, "We've seen the real butcher-boys at work and these goons don't intimidate us at all."

The speeches were in the same old vein, how wonderful Russia is and what a horrible aggressor the U. S. is. It was no different from the same old bunk that is heard at all the phony peace conferences.

Apparently the Peace Crusaders decided to make things as tough as possible. Instead of having all their meetings at the Coliseum, they broke them up and held meetings all over the city. In order to show the nature of this "jobbing out" of the groups we are printing the program of the "Proposed Actions for Nationality Groups Panels":

"It is recommended that nationality groups panels take the following actions:

1. Adopt two resolutions:
 - a. A broad appeal to your nationality group for unity for peace.
 - b. A resolution embodying the proposals of your panel to build the peace movement.
2. Elect either a continuations committee or a coordinating committee to carry on peace work as part of the Peace Crusade. The choice of either of the above forms will depend on the scope of your panel.
3. Designate a person to make a 10-minute report at the Saturday afternoon Nationality Group Panel on the deliberations and decisions of your panel.
4. Designate a minimum number of delegates to attend the general nationality group panel on Saturday at 4 p.m. The rest of the delegates should attend the labor, Negro, women, youth and other workshops which will take place simultaneously with the general national group panel, Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Addresses and time of nationality group panel meetings and transportation to the panel meetings:

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| <u>Ukrainian Americans</u> | will meet Saturday, June 30, 10 a.m. at Ukrainian Peoples Center, 2457 W. Chicago Ave. |
| <u>Slovak Americans</u> | will meet Saturday, June 30, 2 p.m. at Ukrainian Peoples Center, 2457 W. Chicago Ave. |
| <u>Serbian Americans</u> | will meet Saturday, June 30, 2 p.m. at Ukrainian Peoples Center, 2457 W. Chicago Ave. |
| <u>Croatian Americans</u> | will meet Saturday, June 30, 2 p.m. at Ukrainian Peoples Center, 2457 W. Chicago Ave. |
| <u>Czech Americans</u> | will meet Saturday, June 30, 2 p.m. at Ukrainian Peoples Center, 2457 W. Chicago Ave. |
| <u>Jewish Americans</u> | will meet Saturday, June 30, 2 p.m. at Ukrainian Peoples Center, 2457 W. Chicago Ave. |
| <u>Rumanian Americans</u> | will meet Saturday, June 30, 2 p.m. at Ukrainian Peoples Center, 2457 W. Chicago Ave. |

Direction from Coliseum: Take Wabash Ave. Street Car North to Chicago Ave., then transfer to Chicago Ave. Street Car and then go west to Campbell St.

Russia

Russian Americans and Carpatho-Russian Americans will meet Saturday, June 30, at 2 p.m. at 1628 W. Division St.
Polish Americans will meet Friday, 4 p.m., June 29 at Chopin Center, 1547 N. Levitt St.
Bulgarian-Macedonian Americans will meet Saturday, June 30, 2 p.m. at 823 West Adams St.
Hungarian Americans will meet Saturday, June 30, 2 p.m. at Hungarian Club, 1632 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Armenian Americans will meet Saturday, June 30, 2 p.m. at Fur Workers Hall, 1405 W. Cortez St.
Greek Americans will meet Saturday, June 30, 2 p.m. at 522 S. Halsted St.
Finnish Americans will meet Saturday, June 30, 2 p.m. at Fur Workers Hall, 1405 W. Cortez St.
Lithuanian Americans will meet Saturday, June 30, 2 p.m. at 3116 South Halsted St.
Spanish-speaking Americans will meet Saturday, June 30, 2 p.m. at Fur Workers Hall, 1405 W. Cortez St.

SLAVIC AMERICAN BANQUET will take place Saturday evening, June 30, 7 p.m. at the CHOPIN CENTER, 1547 N. Levitt St.

Delegates of national groups not listed above are asked to attend the general nationality panel meeting that will take place from 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, June 30 at Ukrainian Cultural Center Hall, 2457 W. Chicago Ave., near Campbell Street."

The following are some of the organizations that actively passed out propaganda: NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF DR. W. E. B. DU BOIS; NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP; CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICA-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP; NATIONAL GUARDIAN; NATIONAL UNION OF MARINE COOKS & STEWARDS EXPOSITION PRESS, PUBLISHERS; INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER; CHICAGO LABOR PRESS COMMITTEE; COMMITTEE FOR A DEMOCRATIC FAR EASTERN POLICY; FILM CENTER, INC.; LATIN-AMERICAN FACTS; NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARTS, SCIENCES & PROFESSIONS; AMERICAN WOMEN FOR PEACE; NATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE FOR PEACE; PACKINGHOUSE WORKERS UNION CENTER; MARCH OF LABOR; NEW WORLD REVIEW; AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE.

We include the list of individuals that attended the conference and also some of the committees:

LOTOSHYNSKA, HELEN
LEWIS, MARTIN
GOURFAIN, PETER

HAYES, DOROTHY
HUDNALL, VIOLET
HALL, FLORENCE

HIRSCH, CARL (alias HARRIS)
 HAWKINS, OCTAVIA
 HESSON, DONALD
 HERBIN, ROBERT
 HOECKNER, CARL
 HESLUP, EUGENE
 HYNDMAN, CATHERINE
 HELLMAN, JOHN
 HILL, (REV.) CHARLES
 HAMMERSMARK, SAM
 ISBELL, ALONZO
 JEANS, KATHERINE
 JONES, ALEC
 KIMMEL, ALAN D.
 KARKOV, LEONA
 KUSHNER, PETER
 LUDWIG, VICTOR
 LEWIS, PATRICIA
 LARVENETTE, LILLIAN
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NEW ENGLAND CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR PEACE

Recently we received a communication from Massachusetts regarding the NEW ENGLAND CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR PEACE. We are informed that the NEW ENGLAND CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR PEACE originally had offices at 27 School Street, Boston. On the first of July they were evicted. Reason - undesirable tenants. The treasurer of this organization was a MRS. ELIZABETH RAYMOND, Old Sudbury Road, Wayland, Massachusetts. The office force consisted of Mrs. Raymond and a MURIEL FREMLETTE, address unknown, acting as secretary. A man named EDWIN B. GOODELL, JR., who occasionally frequented the office, was known as the president. Mr. Goodell has an architectural office at 50 Congress Street, and a home address in Wayland.

The NEW ENGLAND CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR PEACE have been very active in distributing leaflets around defense plants and veterans' groups. The flyers passed out, or rather put under doors in the wee hours of the morning and stuck under windshield wipers of cars at defense plants while the men are working, all have the traditional two doves at the top and PEACE at the bottom. It seems that they all carry the usual lingo of Peace and Co-operation with Good Old Joe Stalin.

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QUOTES WORTH QUOTING

Robert Vogeler in his speech before the National Press Club, June 8, 1951:
"WHAT HAPPENED TO ME CAN HAPPEN TO ANY MAN. IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU. NO PRICE IS TOO GREAT TO PAY TO PRESERVE OUR WAY OF LIFE."

"The existence of the Soviet Republic side by side with imperialist states for any length of time is inconceivable. In the end one or the other must triumph." (Vol. XVI of Lenin's Collected Works.)

"We have now passed from the arena of war to the arena of peace and we have not forgotten that war will come again. As long as capitalism and socialism remain side by side we cannot live peacefully -- the one or the other will be the

victor in the end. A victory will be sung either over the death of world capitalism or the death of the Soviet Republic. At present we have only a respite in the war." (Vol. XVII of Lenin's Collected Works.)

"People in China are naturally very poor, but losing their freedom is worse than being poor. If the American people could realize what loss of freedom is, they would work harder and pray harder toward keeping their freedom." (Quoted from Sister Paul Therese of the Maryknoll nuns, after her release from incarceration in China for three-and-a-half months.)

"Apathy and complacency are the two best fellow travelers that Josef Stalin and his 14 go-getters in the Kremlin have in America today." (From John C. Crowe)

From the IWW Industrial Worker:

"MOSCOW HERE I COME. The four commie leaders who have not yet surrendered to the US Marshal may possibly be on the way to visit Uncle Joe in dear old Moscow. All the bond jumpers are fairly young and all of the surrendered 'subversives' are getting along. Joe seems to have a thrifty streak in him."

"WHODUNIT -- Dashiell Hammett, well known mystery story writer has been sentenced to six months in jail for refusing to tell where the C. P. gets its bail money. The public will suffer no great loss during comrade Hammett's absence. There are too many mystery story writers on the loose anyway."

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COMMUNISM IN LABOR

The July 21 issue of Labor, the publication of the Standard Railroad labor organization, has accused the bosses of wanting to deal with Red groups rather than an honest union. According to the C.I.O. News, the same situation existed on the West Coast in regard to the sailing of the S. S. Lurline, bound for Hawaii.

This is not a new story, inasmuch as the same condition has existed in the trade-union movement since the eleven International Unions were expelled for communist domination. Many industries have used the commy-dominated union as a club and bargaining weapon over the heads of anti-communist trade unions.

We therefore reprint the articles from the A.F. of L. publication, Labor, and the C.I.O. News.

"Some big employers in the United States would rather deal with 'Red' dominated organizations than legitimate unions of their employes, two top labor union officials charged this week.

"The charges were made by Vice-President George Brown of the Hotel and Restaurant Employes, who is in charge of the Organization's dining car membership, and President Adolph Brungs of the Western Union division of the A.F. of L. Commercial Telegraphers' Union.

"The A.F. of L. Dining Car Employes are in the midst of a drive to get rid of the so-called 'Dining Car and Railroad Food Workers' Union,' which the A.F. of L. organization charges is 'Red' controlled.

"Agreement on 'Pennsy' -- The A.F. of L. union has filed a petition for a representation election on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and it announced this week that the National Mediation Board will schedule hearings as soon as a mediator is assigned. The 'Pennsy' is the only carrier on which the 'rump' group has an agreement.

"Brown said that the A.F. of L. union seems to be the only organization interested in charges--now before the House Un-American Activities Committee--that the 'Dining Car and Railroad Food Workers' Union' is in the hands of Communists. The Pennsylvania hasn't paid any attention to the charges.

"The Pennsylvania,' Brown asserted, 'is aiding and abetting the 'Red' controlled organization by treating it as a bona fide union.

"Every time our union--a Standard Railroad Labor Organization affiliated with the Railway Labor Executives' Association--wins an improvement on the other railroads, this 'rump' organization on the 'Pennsy' is granted the same agreement.

"This in itself indicates that the carrier is not averse to keeping a Communist-dominated group in the field."

"Western Union, Too -- Much the same story was told by the A.F. of L. Commercial Telegraphers. This union recently threatened to strike Western Union, and while it was negotiating with

the management, the 'American Communications Association,' which was expelled from the C.I.O. on charges of Communism, settled in New York City for a wage increase of 16½ cents an hour for all employees except certain types of messengers, who were to get 5 cents.

"The A.F. of L. union finally negotiated a proposal for a 17-cent hike for all employees except the messenger group, for which a 10-cent increase was won. This agreement was referred to the membership for ratification, and on the basis of returns already in has been approved. Western Union subsequently signed the same agreement with the A.C.A.

"There seems to be no doubt that Western Union finds it advantageous to deal with the A.C.A. — even though the world is in a death struggle with Communism," Brungs declared." (From Labor)

"Supporters of the CIO National Maritime Union among West Coast cooks and stewards and NMU members last week blocked sailing of the S. S. Lurline from San Francisco as a protest against the blacklisting of anti-Communist trade unionists.

"Two days of picketing forced Matson Navigation Co. to call off the scheduled voyage of its big luxury liner to Hawaii.

"The NMU protested 'kangaroo court' oustings of our pro-CIO cooks and stewards aboard the Lurline by the Commie-line administration of the Marine Cooks & Stewards, expelled a year ago from CIO. NMU now is seeding a coastwise election among cooks and stewards.

"Matson got an anti-picketing injunction, but still couldn't sail the Lurline.

"NMU called off its pickets, but members of the AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific—who respected the line along with members of the CIO American Radio Association — weren't 'available' to man the ship.

"The tieup of the Lurline on July 14-15 came after a long-developing 'purge' by MCS against cooks and stewards who support NMU. Late in June, the Lurline was tied up for a short period, with Matson agreeing to pay lost wages and promising reinstatement to the four stewards.

"On the eve of last week's voyage, MCS staged 'disciplinary' proceedings against the four Lurline workers, which brought the picket line.

"At the same time, when MCS attempted to replace a pro-CIO Stewards Dept. crew aboard the Matson freighter Hawaiian Logger, that crew sat down aboard the ship at the Crockett sugar refinery in the East Bay.

"H. B. Warner, NMU vice president, who is directing the West Coast cooks and stewards organizing campaign, said after the Lurline tieup:

"This successful action has made the people of the San Francisco Bay area aware of the extent of Communist activity in certain maritime unions.

"This represents the beginning of an action which will break the Commie control through MCS over cooks and stewards and in all other maritime unions.

"Similar action will be taken to protect the rights of all Matson employes, and employes of other Pacific Maritime Association companies, to speak out and oppose the Commie officials of MCS without victimization.

"We'll tie them all up if Matson doesn't cease and desist from supporting this Commie-dominated union which was expelled from CIO."

"Warner previously has charged PMA shipping employers with a 'lobbying expedition' to Washington in which, along side MCS, they turned on the heat on the National Labor Relations Board, which dismissed NMU's first petition for an election.

"NMU since has filed a second election petition, and the regional NLRB has found it demonstrated a 30% interest. Hearings on the election were under way last week in San Francisco.

"When Matson's anti-picketing injunction forced NMU to withdraw its picket line, the four victimized Lurline workers -- Harry Whitelaw, Jack Tiernan, Leonard Kralka and Robert Steward -- took over. They were arrested under the court order.

"During the picketing, MCS Pres. Hugh Bryson added to his 'militant record' by suggesting to Matson that they proceed legally against the ARA and SUP because they respected the NMU picket line." (From C.I.O. News)

"Communism and American Labor Unions"

(Excerpts from a speech by Dave Beck, Executive Vice President, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, made before the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, Friday, August 25, 1950)

"The organization with which I am identified, and which I have served for so many years, is one of the largest Labor Unions in the world. It has a membership of more than a million men and women. It is made up largely, if not entirely, of people who are classified as unskilled. Yet we have no problem whatever with communism.

"There must be a reason for this. It is because for more than 30 years our International Union's basic constitution--

the law of the Union--has provided that a communist shall not be eligible to membership. At our last National Convention, here in San Francisco in 1947, we further clarified and broadened that provision for barring from membership all who are affiliated or associated with subversive organizations or groups of any kind, or who advocate any subversive philosophy.

"Since we are a voluntary organization, that a man is actually a member of the Communist Party is not necessary to disqualify him for membership; we must simply satisfy ourselves that he advocates the philosophy of communism. If he does this, then for all practical purposes, he is a communist, and we do not waste time in throwing him out.

"There can be no compromise between Americanism and communism. Any attempt at compromise is an admission of defeat. Surely we have had enough of appeasement, of attempting to compose differences with those whom we know to be sworn enemies of our way of life.

"So long as communism spreads its fangs across the world, we must be ready, we must be prepared to hurl the vicious beast back from our shores.

"We must demand in these hours of national peril that men in positions of trust tell us truthfully where they stand on the question of communism. I have no time whatever for men in politics, or in Labor, or in Business, or on the faculty of any of our universities, who refuse to take a positive stand on this question of communism.

"It is a lot of tommyrot for members of university faculties to talk about interference with their academic freedom, while young Americans are making the great sacrifice on the battlefields of Korea to defeat communism and to defend free America. We are in an era of national emergency which has endured for a long, long time.

"The problem of communism in America is one which Labor and Capital must solve jointly. We are making definite and steady progress in this country toward the solution of the other problems of Capital and Labor. There is a constantly improving standard of living here.

"If we want the truth, and I am sure that we do want the truth, we must not judge men and women in any phase of our social, economic and business life by the actions of an individual, or of a few misguided individuals. We must judge industry as well as Labor by the character and the conduct of the overwhelming majority. I can say to you positively, because I know whereof I speak: the working men and women of America want no part of communism whatever!

"We must recognize the fact, both in Labor and elsewhere in America, that many of the evils, which once were destructive of our standards of living, and which made possible the fetid breeding grounds of communism, are no longer tolerated.

"Yes, there have been men in high places in Labor who put their arms around the communists and welcomed them into their organizations.

They tolerated the communists in their ranks, they invited them in and they worked with them and trusted them.

"Why did these men in Labor consort with communists? Because they believed they could use communists in Labor to more easily accomplish their objectives.

"But they were in error. They made a serious mistake, and they are still trying to correct it and to live it down. They discovered, as will anyone who makes the experiment, that the communists, as quickly as they could do so, using any and all methods, no matter how reprehensible, tried to take over their Union organizations. That is the objective of communists when they infiltrate Labor Unions, and organizations of university professors, and any other groups in our social and economic life. The communists care nothing for the American toiler or his Union; they seek places of authority so that they can promote the communist party line. The communists have no loyalty to America or Americans; their hearts and their loyalties are with the Kremlin. They will destroy a Union or any other group if it will serve the ends of Russia. Their very thoughts are subservient to Soviet dictators.

"I have never known of a communist, or one who advocated communism—and I have watched them in action for more than 30 years—I have never known of one communist who, of his own volition, has left this country to live in Russia. They fight deportation to Russia with all their might, and if they go to Russia they fight just as hard to get back to this country.

"To hear them talk, and describe Russia, you could put them off the boat blindfolded at Vladivostok and they could walk from one end of Russia to the other without bumping into a single obstacle. But not one of them went to Russia and stayed there. Why? Because no working man anywhere in the world can earn for himself and his family the benefits and security that he can receive as a matter of course under our system of free enterprise.

"I represent an organization which, I believe, has as good wages, hours, and working conditions as any Labor group in the world. We accomplished this by working with industry and within the framework of this government, and by no other method.

"I disagree with employers in many parts of the country almost every day, and undoubtedly I shall continue to disagree with them, but I will disagree with them within the framework of our American law and constitution and in an effort to convince and receive from industry what I honestly believe the men and women of Labor are entitled to receive from industry for their labor investment. That, in my judgment, is the only way we can stop the spread of communism.

"We dare not try to compromise with communism, for there can be no compromise. A number of our prominent leaders of labor have learned by bitter experience that compromise with communism is disastrous. Neither can we compromise with a Russian government which follows and advocates the philosophy of communism.

"I am reminded of the university professor who says he is not a communist, but who objects to taking an oath to that effect. My friends, I advocated within the American Labor Movement, within our own National Convention, long years ago, that we stand up proudly and take the oath. For we are not communists!

"It is my opinion that a certain large percentage of those who object to taking the anti-communist oath, or to signing such an obligation--and I want to make it plain that I am not referring solely to your problem in the California academic world--are more afraid of prosecution for perjury than of admitting they are communists. I do not know what makes communists among faculty members in our universities. It is over my head. But I want to make this statement: all crackpots are not in Labor, there are a lot of them in the universities.

"I had some small part, let me assure you, not only in getting rid of communists at the University of Washington, but also along with my associates on the Board of Regents and in the President's office in initiating that action, and the communists do not like it. I wish that I could say over the radio what I think about them!

"I say to you in conclusion: the greatest government ever founded in all the world is our American government. Above everything else, above the rights of Labor, or the rights of Capital is our duty to our government. We must always subordinate our interests to its welfare. Finally: if you want to solve the problem of communism in America, I beg of you to recognize character and ability and honorable dealing wherever you find it--in government, in industry, or in Labor."

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COMMUNISM AND SUBVERSIVES IN EDUCATION

The only assumption to be drawn concerning those who will not sign the loyalty oath is that they are disloyal, in spirit if not in fact.

One professor who refused to sign said in his defense that this act implied obedience and not loyalty. He could not have made a more paradoxical statement! Obedience is an integral part of the spirit of loyalty and is an expression of the extent to which a person is loyal!

A person's purposeful disobedience of traffic laws is an indication of his regard for the spirit of the law. If caught in violation of the law he will appear in court to receive his adjustment under the law created by him and his fellow man. Without obedience, the laws of our land have no meaning, nor does loyalty! Intentional failure to comply with the spirit of the loyalty oath is, indeed, disloyalty.

Other arguments presented by these same misguided Americans center about the fact that they believe compulsory signature of the oath is an infringement upon the very liberty it seeks to protect and that it is an abrogation of our Constitutional freedoms. IF THEY CHERISH THESE FREEDOMS SO HIGHLY, WHY WOULD THEY NOT BE WILLING TO ATTEST TO THAT FACT WITH THEIR SIGNATURE?

Many seem to forget that our freedoms have been won and maintained at a terrible cost of blood and sacrifice and that there will be many who will try to take from us, for many years to come, this most priceless heritage. Our freedom of thought and speech carries with it definite obligations and responsibilities to the source from which it springs if we earnestly seek to protect it from extinction.

At a time when WE ARE AT WAR with the forces which the loyalty oath would seek to control, intentional failure to comply with the spirit of this oath contributes to a victory for the enemies of our country.

We should not criticize the right of our colleges and universities to analyze our democratic way of life. BUT TO FAIL TO SUMMARIZE THE OVER-ALL LOGIC OF OUR REASONABLE FAITH IN THE EXISTENCE, PROGRESS, AND MORALITY OF PURPOSE OF OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT AS COMPARED TO TOTALITARIAN FORMS OF GOVERNMENT IS TO SOW THE SEEDS OF TREASON IN OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN!

How can such a large percentage of our population become so misguided as to fail to see the fundamental issues? Communist-inspired peace petitions receive thousands and thousands of willing signatures; but hear our "patriots" scream when asked to attest to their loyalty to THEIR OWN COUNTRY, WHICH HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS DESIRE AND ABILITY TO PRESERVE PEACE AND FREEDOM!

If demonstration of our loyalty, trust, and integrity by verbal and signed oath were discounted, as some would have it, we could throw out the oath of integrity while the hand is placed on the Bible, prior to courtroom testimony.

We could also do without the soldier's oath, notary publics, and, indeed, all oaths, contracts, agreements, and expressions of faith, trust, sincerity, and loyalty, for they are based on the same respect for the integrity of the individual that is provided by the loyalty oath.

Many of our "mental giants" would have us believe that such "trivia" is unconstitutional! To follow the childish and illogical machinations of some of our so-called "patriots" who wish to exercise no self-control in the enjoyment of their freedom, let alone enthusiasm for its support, would be to lose all freedom and dignity under totalitarian control.

1. A long list of Pennsylvania professors and social workers oppose a bill now pending to require them to take an oath of loyalty to the state. Such oaths, they said, lead to intellectual sterility, and "where originality is penalized and communication of truth proceeds at peril, there can be no scholarship... no authentic instruction..."

2. Attorneys for eight teachers, recently ousted February 8, after refusing to say whether or not they were members of the Communist Party, filed proceedings seeking reinstatement with back pay and full pension and seniority rights.

Included in the group of teachers from King County, New York, are: MR. FRIEDMAN ABRAHAM LEDERMAN, MISS ALICE CITRON, ABRAHAM FEINGOLD, MARK FRIEDLANDER, LOUIS JAFFE, ISADORE RUBIN, AND MRS. CELIA LOUIS ZITRON. Mr. Lederman and Mrs. Zitron are president and secretary, respectively, of the Teachers' Union of the United Public Workers.

3. RALPH H. GUNDLACH, doctor of philosophy, and one of five professors dismissed from the University of Washington, began his jail sentence recently for contempt of court.

ALBERT N. OTTENHEIMER, BURTON JAMES, RACHMIEL FORSCHMIEDT, and MRS. FLORENCE BEAN JAMES were also cited for failure to tell whether or not they were or had been communists. All recently lost their appeals.

4. MILTON UNTERMAN, who said he was teaching in a private high school in New York, refused on grounds of self-incrimination to say whether or not there had been a communist cell at the big Glenn L. Martin Aircraft plant in Baltimore, where he worked as an inspector during the war.

5. It seems that the student editors of the Dartmouth, campus daily newspaper of the same school, have become brilliant leaders before learning how to lead.

They have been burning up the newsprint smearing General Douglas MacArthur, ridiculing New Hampshire legislation designed to curb communism, taking sly digs at the American position in Korea, supporting the distribution of subversive "peace" pamphlets, and complaining about the decline of radicalism among the students, all of which adds up to neither originality or communication of truth!

FRANCIS BEALEY, Editor of the Dartmouth in 1949, recently traveled to the state capitol at Concord, with a band of professors and other students, for the purpose of attacking anticommunist legislation. Nevertheless, the legislature overwhelmingly adopted measures for an investigation into communism in state-supported schools and the swearing of loyalty oaths by teachers.

6. GRACE HUTCHINS, the 66-year-old Bryn Mawr graduate and ex-schoolteacher, who recently produced \$10,000 cash bail for ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, one of the second-team commies in the bail-bond row, made an "implied threat" against the life of Whittaker Chambers after he broke with the Communist Party, Mr. Chambers testified three years ago.

Mr. Chambers also testified that Miss Hutchins was one of a small group of trusted communist big wheels who handled special, delicate jobs for the party.

One was the discreet handling of the funeral arrangements for JACOB GOLOS, leader of the New York-Washington communist spy ring which Elizabeth T. Bentley inherited upon his death in 1943.

For many years Miss Hutchins has been an associate of the Labor Research Association, 80 East 11th Street, New York, a research branch of the Communist Party designated as subversive by the Department of Justice. She is the author of a number of books, including Labor and Silk and Women Who Work, put out by International Publishers, a Party publishing house.

7. Oklahoma City -- Several provisions of Oklahoma's new Loyalty Oath Law are unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, State Attorney General Mac Q. Williamson ruled recently.

Williamson declared unconstitutional a section providing that lists of subversive groups issued by the U. S. Attorney General should apply in the oath taken by public employees in Oklahoma. He said he knew of only eleven organizations, in addition to those specifically mentioned in the law, which have been declared officially to be subversive. Signers must swear that they have not, for one to five years, been members of such groups.

The 12-page opinion said that a section stating that nonsigners must forfeit their offices is invalid because it is not mentioned in the title of the act. However, nonsigners cannot draw pay.

Williamson also held that elective and appointive officials now holding office for specific terms will not have to take the oath. In addition, public employees working under a contract entered into prior to passage of the act do not

have to sign the oath, the Attorney General ruled. He said all such contracts will expire June 30, the close of the fiscal year.

8. Mr. George A. Timone, member of the Board of Education for Manhattan, New York, has finally succeeded in the cause which he has championed since 1947.

The Board of Education voted unanimously in favor of Mr. Timone's resolution to deny the use of public school buildings to the Communist Party, the International Workers Order, and organizations found to be totalitarian, Fascistic or subversive.

9. Representative Velde (R) of Illinois told Congress that communist groups at the University of Chicago and Roosevelt College are dictating student policies at ten Illinois colleges.

The Illinois chapter of the National Students Association, an inter-collegiate organization consisting of more than 300 American college and university student governments, is under the control of the Chicago and Roosevelt groups, Velde declared.

Illinois members of the N. S. A. include the University of Illinois, Bradley University, at Peoria, Illinois, DePaul, Rosary, Rockford, Mundelein, North Central, St. Francis, Roosevelt, and the University of Chicago.

Bradley University, Velde noted, will hold a referendum Friday, May 18, on withdrawing its membership because of the communist domination of the Illinois chapter displayed at a convention in Chicago, April 22-23.

10. California legislative investigators for the State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities stated that the Communist Party has infiltrated California universities, colleges, and even high schools in a search for recruits and atomic secrets.

The State House Committee on Un-American Activities defended the use of the loyalty oath by the University of California. The Committee also claimed that the leader of the nonsigners, PROFESSOR EDWARD TOLMAN, was affiliated at one time or another with six communist-dominated or -front organizations.

11. The same PROFESSOR EDWARD C. TOLMAN who was the leader of the group at the University of California refusing to sign the loyalty oath was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science at Yale University commencement exercises on June 11.

A citation accompanying Yale's award read:

"Builder of strong theoretical foundations for a youthful science, explorer of the cause of human actions and of man's ways of learning, your gifts have also served your country in its hour of need. Valiant defender of the freedom of the mind, Yale confers upon you the degree of Doctor of Science."

12. A recent newspaper article by Mrs. Walter Ferguson on the woman's viewpoint as related to the loyalty oath for teachers proves refreshing in the face of much indignant feeling among academic circles.

Some of the quotes from her article follow:

"When a university official resigned recently in protest against signing the loyalty oath, he was quoted as saying: 'When you try to compel loyalty, you destroy it. The signing of this oath is not loyalty, it is obedience.' This is the sort of double talk which has confused Americans during the last few years. In former times, we seldom heard loyalty mentioned. It was taken for granted that Americans loved their country."

And she continues by saying:

"There's Proof Now. This is the point which is overlooked by the professors. Loyalty oaths were never demanded until we had proof of treason by some who had American citizenship. Now that we have such proof, it strikes me as odd that so many educators pose as martyrs when they are asked to stand up for America.

"The safety of the United States is the issue.

"Now we haggle about whether it is wrong to ask people connected with the teaching profession to pledge allegiance to our ideals."

BOOK REVIEW SECTION

The following books were reviewed by Donald Bruce, the prominent Indianapolis anti-communist news broadcaster.

Washington Confidential, by Jack Lait and Lee Mortimer, (Crown Publishers, New York, 1951).

The basic teachings of Stalin and Lenin emphasized that before America could be conquered by the International Soviet Conspiracy it would be necessary to bring about a moral and spiritual collapse in this country. It is impossible to read Washington Confidential without feeling the need for a good political mouthwash. The background of Jack Lait's 47 years of newspaper experience underscores the accuracy of his writings. Lee Mortimer's experience on covering night life, legitimate and underworld, combines with Lait's saltiness to provide interesting, revealing, and somewhat startling reading. Gambling, prostitution, traitors, and crooked politicians all play a live role in this documentary.

A new angle on the behind-the-scenes activities of some of the key front men of the Kefauver Crime Investigating Committee also provides interesting speculation on selection methods for top committee hirelings. (People who live in glass houses, etc.) Chapter 16, titled "The Little Red Herrings," details the sales attempts of the "agrarian reformers" clique. A passing tip to Mr. Acheson in regard to public viewing of certain necessities usually "strictly private" may not go down in history as vital but must indeed bring a blush to the fair Acheson cheeks. Chapter 2 gives a lengthy review of the "sweet talk, limp hand" boys and the idolatrous worship of "the travelling lady" for these limpid lovelies and their hidden talents.

All in all, Washington Confidential, while not the best in current literature, provides light reading with spice and a potent wallop. Good background to understand current charges of graft, scandal, and Red infiltration in our citadel of freedom.

This Deception, by Hede Massing, (Duell, Sloan and Pearce, New York, 1950).

As the former wife of Communist Gerheart Eisler, Hede Massing knows the harsh, paregoric truth about the "new democracy." Originating in Austria, wending to Moscow, and finally to the United States, the book unfolds the debased ideological hold of communism upon the individual. This autobiography is set mainly in the United States.

While the author's attempts to minimize the moral decay upon the individual and the strange code of ethics that leads one through the Red maze indicate that her battle for complete reclamation from the years of thinking in revolutionary Stalinist terms has not yet been completely won, nevertheless, This Deception is valuable for its revealing detailed explanation of the hideous interlocking grip to which the Stalinist fanatics succumb in their mad rush for power. The amelioration of do-good liberals into the full web of the Red network is vividly detailed. The Massing work in recruiting Hiss, and the faux pas when she invaded another commy apparatus unknowingly by approaching government bigwig Noel Field, reveal the

factual story of the astounding success of Moscow's ability to get "intellectual" stooges high in government circles. Hede Massing's story, coupled with those of Louis Budenz, Whittaker Chambers, Elizabeth Bentley, Ben Gitlow, and others, puts the lie to the charges of "slander-monger," "Red herring," and "character assassin" most effectively.

This Deception unveils the story of the mysterious "commissars" who directed the Soviet spy ring in this country. The methods of Red infiltration and recruiting are detailed in excellent fashion. Women might find This Deception more fascinating than most books of this nature due to Hede Massing's emotional crisis, detailed with a woman's heart laid bare. This Deception is not the best book written on Soviet intrigue, but it is good and worth reading for its background material.

The Soviet Spy System, by John Baker White, (Falcon Press Limited, London, 1948).

The Soviet Spy System is a must in the library of the Red-fighter. Excellently documented, it details the sordid story of the Soviet spy ring in Canada and its implications upon the security of America. Written by a British intelligence agent, with names, places, and dates, The Soviet Spy System draws a picture in Red of treason in high places and the comparative ease with which Soviet sympathizers are used to serve the cause of the Kremlin. Through immigration officials carefully selected, reaching even into the Canadian parliament, the path of the Red star gazers weaves with unbelievable lack of opposition. Reaching into the most vital top-secret projects of the Canadian government, the Red agents followed directions issued from the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa.

A vivid warning to neighboring United States, The Soviet Spy System is a three-star-plus book that should be read by every Legionnaire as well as every citizen interested in preserving American liberties.

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The American Legion has been fighting communism for 30-odd years, and intends to continue exposing those who knowingly or unknowingly associate themselves with groups or organizations whose activities show them to be communist, Fascist, totalitarian, or subversive.

Snakes on the ground cannot be exterminated by wielding clubs in the air.

Communism cannot be defeated by a lot of words and "pussy-footing." It must be hit hard and often wherever and whenever it exists. Feelings cannot be spared.

If, in the course of this battle, anyone is unjustly hurt by unknowingly lending their name and financial aid to an organization or cause that is subversive (and this has happened), it is very simple to withdraw that support and to repudiate the organization.

With the battle drawn as it is, however, one has simply to check the list of subversive organizations to determine their Americanism status.

We reaffirm that merely saying "slander-monger" and "red herring" will not be sufficient to stop the exposé of subversives within any phase of our American system. We will continue to expose any individual or organization that supports a subversive cause, regardless of their political, professional, business, religious, or other affiliation.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

The Americanism Division's files lack several issues of the Summary, particularly the July-August, 1947, and some of 1948. Will readers who have back numbers, for which they no longer have any need, help us to complete our files by mailing such back numbers to Mr. Kenneth Huggins, Americanism Division, The American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Washington Office of the Americanism Division of late has been receiving an increasing number of requests from government agencies, state investigative agencies and law enforcement officers for hard-to-find government reports and hearings no longer available at the Government Printing Office. In attempting to be of service to such official agencies our small stock of such publications has become almost exhausted.

During the past four years the Washington Office mailed out many thousands of copies of various House Committee on Un-American Activities reports and hearings to numerous Legionnaires on its mailing list. Some of the 1947 and 1948 hearings and reports are now exhausted and even the House Committee itself is unable to fill requests for certain of these publications.

WILL ALL SUMMARY READERS WHO HAVE OLD DIES COMMITTEE OR HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES REPORTS AND HEARINGS WHICH THEY NO LONGER NEED PLEASE MAIL THEM TO THE AMERICANISM DIVISION, AMERICAN LEGION, 1608 K. STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

Your postage will be reimbursed and in return for your contribution you will receive current reports as they are issued.

The Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., has on sale two extremely important publications which every Legionnaire should have. "Guide

to Subversive Organizations and Publications" by the House Committee on Un-American Activities issued in March can be secured for 35¢. "Soviet Atomic Espionage" put out by the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy sells at fifty cents. Every American should read the latter. Every Legion Post should own a copy of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications."

The New York World-Telegram-Sun now runs a regular department in each Saturday's issue by Fred Woltman, entitled, "WHAT THE REDS ARE UP TO." It is in effect a small scale summary or digest of subversive activities, particularly around New York City. Other newspapers which claim to render a public service in the dissemination of news and information might do well to emulate this progressive Scripps-Howard paper and set aside a regular column edited by some competent and trained expert in subversive activities. Lack of timely and accurate information on what Stalin's Fifth Column in the United States is doing is generally conceded by authorities to be the main reason for its success and for American apathy and confusion on the whole issue of communism. Give Americans the facts and they will find the cures and answers themselves.

IMPORTANT NOTE. The NATIONAL BLUE STAR MOTHERS of Philadelphia (formerly known as the CRUSADING MOTHERS OF PENNSYLVANIA) has been listed by the U. S. Attorney General as a subversive organization. It is a bigot group of limited membership and should not be confused with the legitimate and patriotic Blue Star Mothers of America. It has been brought to our attention that Legion Posts have been refusing their halls or facilities to the latter organization under the obvious misapprehension that they were dealing with the former. Please note the similiarity in names. The Ninth Annual Convention of the Blue Star Mothers of America, meeting last Fall in Columbus, Ohio, adopted a resolution empowering its national officers to take legal steps if necessary to restrain the Philadelphia bigot group from continuing the use of the almost identical name.

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THE SPOTLIGHT

COMMITTEE OF SOUTHERN STUDENTS TO DEFEND DR. DuBOIS. One of the great problems in compiling lists of communist fronts is that of keeping it up to date. Between the time that such lists are delivered to the printers, and the printed copies put into the mails a half a dozen new fronts and changes of names probably have occurred.

The Daily Worker of April 6 happily announced the launching of yet another Stalinoid front -- something called THE COMMITTEE OF SOUTHERN STUDENTS TO DEFEND DR. DuBOIS which a "group of leading Negro and white students" apparently whipped up in a moment of inspiration in New Orleans. The C.S.S.D.D.D. started with a bang by circulating a student "petition campaign on every Negro college campus in the South and in several white colleges to protest against the shameful persecution of one of America's greatest men, DR. WILLIAM EDWARD BURGHART DuBOIS." The Daily Worker obligingly lists the committee's initial sponsors as:

CHARLES MOORE, Pres., Student Union, Dillard Univ., Louisiana

WILLIAM LARSHA, No. Carolina Intercollegiate Student Legislature

EDWARD PINCKNEY, Pres., Student Council, Fisk Univ., Tennessee

JAMES W. KELSAW, Talladega College, Alabama

NATHANIEL BOND, founding president, Nat. Assoc. Advancement of
Colored People Youth Conference, North Carolina.

STEPHEN S. EDLEY, Editor Campus Echo, North Carolina College

CLATHAN M. ROSS, Beta Delta Mu, North Carolina College

HOWARD LINNARD, Methodist Federation for Social Action, Univ. of Texas

THE WORLD COMMUNIST FRONT

Lack of space and lack of time compels the omission in this issue of the general survey of world-wide communist activity. If the Summary is continued in its present form, it is planned to make this feature a bi-monthly section instead of monthly.

Far more important than any such general digest of the global communist situation is the practically unknown arrival on the West Coast of a few copies of an obscure but extremely important Chinese communist document which is loaded with TNT. This Summary is indebted to the alertness of two dynamic Californian anti-communists, Jacoby and Gibbons of Alert, for spearing us a copy of what may soon become a collector's item. The McCarran Senate sub-committee now investigating communist infiltration of the State Department and seeking to establish who was responsible for foisting the "Chinese agrarian reformer" swindle and hoax on the American public as well as on some of our top military leaders would do well to have a good luck at "ON THE PARTY" by Liu Shao-Chi.

Who is Liu Shao-Chi? With the mysterious absence for several months of Mao Tze Tung from his haunts in Peiping, word now comes from Indonesia that Red China's No. 2 communist, heretofore practically unknown to the West, has taken over Mao's job as Stalin's gauleiter for Soviet China. Liu is a member of the powerful Secretariat of the Chinese Communist Party and a veteran communist since 1921, having joined the party the year it was founded.

The title page of "ON THE PARTY" states that the first English edition was printed by the Foreign Languages Press, Peiping, in July, 1950. The document itself was written sometime during the summer of 1945 because it contains the Constitution of the Communist Party of China adopted on June 11,

1945 and throughout the book runs the demand for the necessity of ousting the Japanese invaders who capitulated to the United States in August of that year. Its original publication date therefore is very definitely fixed for June or July, 1945.

Thereby hangs not an interesting tale, but an extremely important disclosure. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD SO-CALLED "CHINESE EXPERTS" AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES AT THE THEN COMMUNIST CAPITAL, YENAN, WHO MUST HAVE SEEN AND READ THIS IMPORTANT DOCUMENT BECAUSE THEY BOASTED OF THEIR FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS AND THE 100% COOPERATION WHICH THEY WERE RECEIVING FROM THE REDS. YET, LIU SHAO CHI'S IMPORTANT "ON THE PARTY" WAS NEVER TRANSLATED OR MADE PUBLIC BY THESE ON THE SPOT AMERICAN OBSERVERS. TO HAVE DONE SO WOULD HAVE COMPLETELY EXPOSED AND CUT THE GROUND FROM UNDER THE WHOLE FRAUDULENT "HARMLESS AND DEMOCRATIC CHINESE AGRARIAN REFORMER" LIE AND SWINDLE SO BRILLIANTLY FOSTERED AND PUSHED BY THE WHOLE LAUCHLIN CURRIE-OWEN LATTIMORE-JOHN CARTER VINCENT-JOHN PATON DAVIES-JOHN STEWART SERVICE CLIQUE. THE INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS WILL ALSO HAVE SOME AWKWARD QUESTIONS TO ANSWER WHEN AND IF IT IS CALLED BEFORE THE McCARRAN COMMITTEE.

A few significant quotes from "ON THE PARTY" Page 2:

"Our party owes its tremendous achievements to the fact that from the early days of its founding it has been an entirely new political party of the proletariat, dedicated whole-heartedly to serving the Chinese people and built upon the solid theoretical foundation of Marxist-Leninism in its application to China."

"It is precisely under the guidance of the great Thought of Mao Tze Tung that our Party has gathered together the most loyal, most courageous, most conscious and best disciplined representatives of the Chinese working class and labouring people, and has become the organized vanguard of the Chinese working class."

(No nonsense here about any "agrarian reformers". ed note)

Page 7: "It is a party steeled in long revolutionary wars, having mastered thoroughly the art of directing revolutionary war."

Page 8: "Comrade Mao Tze Tung is a creative and talented Marxist, combining as he does the universal truth of Marxism -- the highest ideology of mankind -- with concrete practice of Chinese revolution."

(What! No agrarian reform?)

Page 10: "Comrades, our Party is already a Marxist-Leninist party nationwide in scope and of a broad mass character, fully consolidated ideologically, politically and organizationally and with a leader of its own."

The General Programme of the Party begins on page 13. One looks in vain for the slightest reference to any agrarian problem or tasks of simple "agrarians". Nothing but straight, unadulterated Marxist-Leninism as any student can read for himself.

"The General Programme of the Constitution points out at its very beginning that our Party is the organized vanguard of the Chinese working class and the highest form of its class organization, that it represents the interests of the Chinese nation and people, that at the present stage it works to create a system of New Democracy in China and that its ultimate aim is the realisation of a system of Communism in China. Are there any doubts about the character of our Party? I think not."

(Ed. note -- Only in the U.S. Dept. of State which for years after the publication of this frank document still lied to the American public about "agrarian reform".)

Then on page 15 comes a real nifty -- one of the neatest examples of "honest" Marxist dialectics one could ever find. Get this:

"Although the main sections of our Party are located in the countryside and the vast majority of the Party members come from the peasantry and petty bourgeois intelligentsia, with only a small percentage of workers, yet the aggregate of Party members of proletarian and semi-proletarian (poor peasants) origin constitutes the majority."

In other words, Euclid is successfully refuted and the whole instead of being greater than any of its parts now reads, "a small part is greater than the whole and hence constitutes the majority." Next follow several pages of "proletarian programme, policy, and discipline" without a single mention of agrarian reform.

"Through Marxist-Leninist education, Party members of petty bourgeois origin have undergone a thorough-going ideological reform, which changes their former petty bourgeois nature and imparts to them the qualities of advanced fighters of the proletariat."

The ideology of the peasantry and the petty bourgeoisie is to be sternly rooted out of the Marxian proletarian party (we learn on page 21) lest it repress the development of proletarian ideas and hence lead to decline and retrogression. The Constitution then provides "that it is the duty of every Party member to endeavour to understand the fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism and the Thought of Mao Tze Tung." What is the Thought (with a capital T) of Mao? The next page clears that one up in two short sentences:

"The Thought of Mao Tze Tung is the thought that unites Marxist-Leninist theories with the actual practice of the Chinese revolution. It is Communism and Marxism applied to China."

Stalinism is apparently inapplicable to China!

The rest of this remarkable 205 page official document consists of typical, stereotyped communist party "line" dogma and instructions identical with and indistinguishable from similar handbooks put out by the French, Italian, American, and other sections of Stalin's Comintern. Even in the translation from the Chinese one finds all the old familiar tell-tale cliches and phrases so dear to the hearts of all true Stalinists.

Liu Shao-Chi sternly warns against "Left deviationism", "right opportunism", "tailism", "petty bourgeois ideology and tendencies" and other bugaboos of trained, doctrinaire Stalinists. The "paramount importance of training the Communist cadres", "democratic centralism", "raising the level of consciousness", "linking up the people's daily struggles", etc., etc., all the familiar and hackneyed old commy argot can be found in this official party document put out by "simple agrarian reformers."

One final quote:

"Comrade Mao Tze Tung has pointed out in his political report the difference between our Party and other political parties. This is extremely important. It is unthinkable that such an exceedingly gigantic revolution of the Chinese nation embracing 475,000,000 can be lead to victory without a Marxist-Leninist Party which is exceedingly rigid in matters of principle and different from all other parties. The Chinese people are now approaching the eve of the defeat of the Japanese invaders and the building of a new China."

"ON THE PARTY" then goes on for several more pages emphasizing and reiterating that the Chinese Communist party is different from all other political parties, that it is the "vanguard of the revolutionary proletariat" and that "its ultimate aim is the realization of a system of Communism in China." (Page 157) — NOT agrarian reform, which is not even mentioned.

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WHAT THE COMMUNIST PRESS IS SAYING

Main emphasis in the daily communist press during the past month has been on "peace" and the inescapable necessity of sitting down and suing for "peace" with Stalin and Red China. Curiously enough while most Americans still believe that this country and Russia are at peace, the communists dutifully echoing the "line" as laid down in Soviet publications, openly and continuously admit that we are already at war. They advise us to sit down and "negotiate for peace with Russia and the Peoples Democracies" to quote them literally.

No Aesopian double talk here. It is America and America alone which is beating the war drums, arming the rest of the world, ruthlessly killing hundreds of thousands of innocent people in Korea, and laying the whole dastardly powder train for a horrible and devastating atomic war. Any steps, no matter how elementary and insignificant, leading to the rearmament of western Germany is a "sure road to war."

All defense measures, increased drafting of young Americans, U.M.T., civil defense, etc., are stridently denounced in the communist press. "End the slaughter in Korea", "Don't cross the 38th parallel", "get our boys out of Korea", "No troops to Europe" are the main propaganda themes running through every issue of the Daily Worker and the West Coast Daily Peoples World. Morale disintegration material is being sharpened and stepped up in volume. The main line being that the United States now stands alone; even England and Canada edging away from the brink of disaster towards which our war-mad and bloodthirsty leaders (Wall Street) are inexorably pushing this country. The fact that the mighty and powerful United States is backing away from a show-down with a third rate power like Red China is proof positive to the American communists that America would not even dare to get involved in armed conflict with the invincible Soviet Union. To say nothing of simultaneously taking on a dozen or so of Russia's powerful allies. Daily Worker editorial writers have trouble restraining their elation over America's deteriorating position and increasing difficulties.

The heartbreak and anguish of mothers losing 18 and 19 year old sons in faraway Korea, "where they had no business in the first place", is another favorite D.W. item. Letters from Gold Star mothers and widows criticizing our Korean policy and previously published in the legitimate press are eagerly culled by these Stalinist ghouls and used to trick out whole columns of clever morale disintegration in America's leading organ of sedition. Letters from American G. I. prisoners in the hands of Red Chinese are always good for a play in this seditious rag. P.O.W. lists are wirelessly from Peking and run in the D.W.

This also raises an interesting question for Mr. Acheson and the State Department. If the U.S. and Red China are not at war and if only Chinese "Volunteers" are fighting in Korea, should not a formal diplomatic demand be made on Peking immediately to release all Americans in Red China held in violation of the Geneva Convention?

Democratic Floor Leader Rayburn's warning that America faces grave danger plus similiar warnings from other leading Americans including General Bradley are neatly twisted by the Marxian dialecticians into an American equivalent of Hitler's "strategy of terror" or Nazi "schrecklichkeit." As more and more millions, through peace polls, petitions, and other mass media of expression, are demanding an end to the war in Korea, our war-hungry, war-criminal leadership unleash this "schrecklichkeit" campaign to head off peace. The recent Soviet spy convictions in New York are also nothing but a part of the governments diabolic plot to stir up war hysteria through fear and incitement. In fact, the Rosenberg conviction was nothing but a sinister prelude to the imminent U.S. Supreme Court decision on the appeal of the eleven convicted C.P. leaders. "Is it an accident that this effort is being made as the Supreme Court prepares to hand down its opinion on the challenge made by the communists against this viciously Un-American Smith Act?" the Worker asks.

The Kefauver investigation did not fool the Stalinists. It was nothing but a smokescreen to mask the government's sinister pro-war moves and to divert innocent Americans from fixing their attention on what was really going on in the country. "The Costellos gamble dollars—the warmakers gamble with millions of American lives. The Costellos are peanuts compared with the Fords, General Motors, Morgans, and Rockefellers." A full column editorial demanded that the Kefauver committee investigate the biggest criminal racket of all — the F.B.I. Quoting direct from the Daily Worker:

"The truth is that the F.B.I. political police provide an enormously valuable cover-up for the crime syndicates of America with a barrage of vicious 'anti-communist' forgeries. 'Anti-communism' is the prize alibi of crime and racketeering. It is the perfect smokescreen for anti-labor violence, Big Business labor spying, and for the biggest 'fix' of all — the planned betrayal of the United States into a needless and ghastly atomic war against the Socialist peoples of the world."

Obviously nettled by F.B.I.'s efficiency, the Daily Worker editorial goes on to ridicule this agency for going underground with the communists when in fact all the information that the F.B.I. ever dug up can be secured by any American for about \$20 a year merely by subscribing to the Daily Worker and Political Affairs.

"For this \$20 worth of annual information about Communists, the nation pays the F.B.I. and J. Edgar Hoover millions of dollars a year. This in itself is one of the biggest swindles upon the USA — equal to the vast swindles in the buying and selling of Army surplus, contracts, land sites, etc. In fact, here is a rich, ripe plum for the probing interest of the Kefauver Crime Committee."

The Willie McGee case in Mississippi was front-paged in nearly every issue of the Daily Worker during the past thirty days. This is a typical racial gimmick like the Scottsboro case which the commies love to exploit. Their interest is quite understandable — they win either way. The question of guilt or innocence is immaterial and irrelevant. Communists know in advance that through their world-wide propaganda network and demonstrated ability of arousing millions of sympathizers, that they can instigate with very little cost to themselves a global hulabaloo. If the unpleasant notoriety aroused by communist propaganda succeeds in winning a new trial, acquittal, commutation of sentence, pardon, reprieve or any other amelioration in the case, the communists blow that it was their militancy and publicity which saved the colored man "after conservative and bourgeois colored organizations had sold out and failed."

If the Negro is convicted or better yet sentenced to death, the commy ghouls find it hard to hide and dissimulate their elation. "Vile racial chauvinism", "denial of elementary civil rights", and "persecution and framing of an innocent black man" is blown up to arouse and infuriate not only American Negroes and liberals and conservatives but the colored and anti-white races all over the world.

Heads or tails the commies win. And if a Krupp or an Ilsa Koch have just been released from jail or pardoned while an American Negro goes to prison or is sentenced to death the propaganda dividends for the communists are even more juicy.

That is why sharp communist eyes carefully scan the nation's press and constantly have their ears cocked for the smallest Negro item which can be blown up into a "monstrous white chauvinist crime against the Negro race."

The communist press is equally alert and quick to spot and attack any serious psychological or political warfare attempts against Russia, even if only in the talk stage. The suggestion that the long suffering Russian people can be reached by American psychological propaganda and induced to revolt against their communist slave-drivers is derided by the Daily Worker with bitterest invective. All such "freedom for the Russian people appeals" according to the New York edition of Pravda are "nothing but rackets whereby emigre Russian counts, landlords, generals, Kerensky professors and such like have been making a living in our midst. After all they can't all marry heiresses."

The communist organ then charges that "millions of dollars have been milked" chasing such an illusion and will-o'-the-wisp that the grip of the Soviets on the Russian people can be broken by encouraging revolt from the outside.

The official organ of the American quisling party also betrayed some ill-disguised anxiety over the fact the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Constitutionality of the Maryland Ober Act. It is afraid that other states may now enact "little McCarran Acts" of their own. To quote:

"The Federal McCarran Act has spawned a number of equally monstrous offsprings."

According to the Worker, Texas, Indiana, New Mexico, Wyoming, Montana, and Washington have also passed "police state bills." The Daily Worker pretends airily that such laws do not worry the communists--much. They are all bills of attainder, aimed narrowly and specifically at the communists and hence unconstitutional. Similar laws are said to be pending in Colorado, Ohio, Illinois, North Carolina, and Massachusetts. The D.W. reported happily that "thought control bills" had been defeated in Nebraska and Tennessee.

"Silent Hollywoodites, who in 1947 militantly attacked the House Committee on Un-American Activities but who have nothing to say today" also get a good lashing in several columns of the Daily Worker. In 1947, the Worker laments, the COMMITTEE FOR THE FIRST AMENDMENT was set up and in operation within forty-eight hours. It then proceeds to name a long list of stars who in 1947 publicly announced that they were "disgusted and outraged by the continuing attempts of the House Committee on Un-American Activities to smear the motion picture industry. "Why are they silent today?" the Worker wants to know. The following are then named and asked, "Why don't you speak up today as you did in 1947?"

ROBERT YOUNG
LUCILLE BALL
FRANK SINATRA
JOSEPH COTTEN
MARGARET SULLIVAN
BURT LANCASTER
GREGORY PECK

MYRNA LOY
FREDERIC MARCH
RICHARD CONTE
GENE KELLY
WILLIAM WYLER
CORNELL WILDE
ROBERT RYAN

The column long lament and diatribe ends:

"The committee hasn't changed. Its still the same in 1951 as in 1947. But the stars seem to have changed their minds about the committee. Why are they silent? The longer their silence, the greater their guilt and shame."

If the communists are hurt and depressed by the strange "Silence in Hollywood" they more than make it up with joy and elation over the dismissal

of MacArthur. The Daily Worker as far back as November 29, of last year, in a front page editorial demanded that President Truman "recall MacArthur at once, to stop his mad adventures and wild incendiary efforts to murder all efforts at a peace settlement." The official voice of Moscow then asked all Americans to wire or write the President demanding that General MacArthur be sacked.

In the intervening months the Daily Worker consistently maintained the attack on MacArthur and demanded his recall. A special editorial by William Z. Foster a week before the general's recall demanded "that this dangerous war instigator should at once be removed from his post of command. Without delay in the name of world peace, he should be brought back instantly in retirement to the country which he has not even deigned to visit for the past fourteen years."

After the General's dismissal the Daily Worker exulted:

"The Communists were among the first to demand the recall of MacArthur as a menace to America and world peace; this was a patriotic service for which they were reviled and smeared but events have now proved them right.

"A tremendous feeling of gratification will be felt over the nation today that the war-hungry General MacArthur who openly called for World War III has been fired by the government. With the firing of this arrogant militarist the peace camp of the world has won an important gain which opens up very great opportunities to advance the cause of peace."

However, the Administration is given no credit for the ousting of the Far Eastern Commander. "That world-wide protests of the peoples had much to do with MacArthur being fired unceremoniously is indisputable", claims the D.W.

"President Truman revealed in his address to the nation that he was forced to fire General MacArthur because of the peace sentiments of the American people and the insistent demands of world opinion."

A Daily Worker editorial on April 12 explains it all in Communist dialectics:

"Why did MacArthur have to go? Because he was embarrassing the government before the world with his open demands for starting World War III immediately in Asia.

"The government's plan for world domination rests on the rearming of German fascist war power, with Europe as the planned main battlefield. MacArthur would not accept this variant of the basic strategy.

"By revealing the government's goal of world war, MacArthur was exposing the Truman government before the world. The Atlantic Pact was beginning to burst at the seams as Britain and France saw MacArthur pushing them into a vast colonial war against all of Asia."

During the past month the Daily Worker and Peoples World boosted WALDO SALT, PAUL JARRICO, HOWARD Da SILVA, and GALE SONDERGAARD for defying the House Committee on Un-American Activities. It also had a good word for Congressman Sabath of Illinois for introducing in Congress H.R. 3118 to repeal the McCarran Internal Security Act of 1950. President ROBERT HUTCHINS of Chicago University got a pat on the head because he advocated "peace" talks between the U.S.A. and Soviet Russia. Prof. RICHARD A. BODGE, engineering prof of the University of Oklahoma, Dr. PAUL R. DAVID, zoology prof and art instructor ROBERT GARDNER also of the same college received Daily Worker plaudits because they had announced they would refuse to sign state anti-communist oaths. EARL CONRAD's book "THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SCANDAL" and the latest HOWARD FAST opus "PEEKSKILL U.S.A." also got a nice hand from the Reds. CLEMENS J. FRANCE "leading citizen of Rhode Island and former member of U.S. Attorney General McGrath's staff when he was Governor of Rhode Island" also won Communist plaudits for his part in the two day "pilgrimage to Washington to halt the drive" of deporting subversive aliens. The Daily Worker is still plugging JUDY HOLLIDAY's film, "Born Yesterday."

Under fire during the past month in the Stalinist press were Police Commissioner Murphy of New York, Judge Michael Musmanno of Pittsburgh, Adolph Menjou, General MacArthur, J. Edgar Hoover, George Sokolsky, Matt Cvetic, and Judge Irving Kauffman of the Federal Court of New York. The Worker probably

touched an all time low for even communists when it mocked Judge Kauffman's obviously Jewish name by screaming "He deserves the title of honorary Aryan" (ala Hitler). The commies went on: "The German fascist scum began their nightmarish reign by branding the Jews as disloyal to the German nation. The U.S. racists do it differently. They get a Jewish prosecutor and a Jewish judge to do the dirty work. But few Jewish families in the U.S. will be deceived by this." (It should be pointed out that Judge Irving Kauffman who courageously sentenced the atomic spies, the Rosenbergs, to death is not the Judge Samuel Kauffman whose conduct of the first Alger Hiss trial aroused so much criticism.)

LARRY PARKS, movie actor who apparently made a clean breast of it recently before the House Un-American Activities Committee also got the full communist slime bucket dumped over him. According to the Worker, "Parks is a Hollywood Van der Lubbe who crawled on his belly before his inquisitors."

The Motion Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals, a fine and patriotic organization of real Americans in Hollywood, also must have done something to infuriate the Muscovites. The M.P.A.P.A.I. was the "Big finger in the 1947 Hollywood Investigation" and presumably had something to do with the reopened hearings into communist activity in the film capital.

A check of thirty issues of the Daily Worker, Sunday Worker and weekly Peoples World for the past month shows the following breakdown in front page and editorial emphasis. Negro racial items and Willie McGee made the front page nearly every day and the editorial columns at least six times. Next in importance was the general subject of "Operation Disaster", "Get Out of Korea", Bring Our Boys Home, attacks on MacArthur, and "American atrocities in Korea" made the front pages of Stalin's voice in America eleven times and the editorial columns five times. The phony communist "peace" campaign and other manifestations of Soviet foreign policy rated front page treatment eight times. Attacks on American foreign

policy, rearmament of western Europe, the emergency, defense items, etc., made the front pages and editorial columns ten times. The Rosenberg death sentence, labor items and strikes, "fake war scares", ridiculing the Kefauver investigation (get the warmongers who are the real crooks), appeals for funds, and attacks on the McCarran Internal Security Act all received front page treatment at least once.

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THE HOME SECTOR

On April 10 the Department of State issued press release No. 266. Deputy Undersecretary Carlisle H. Humelsine announced that he had that day suspended Mrs. Esther Brunauer, a \$10,000 a year liaison officer with UNESCO, until her husband's status with the Navy Department is finally determined. The Navy had suspended Commander Stephen Brunauer under loyalty and security procedures. Brunauer, a Hungarian-born chemist came to this country about 1926 and was commissioned a full Commander in the U. S. Navy late in 1945 without previous naval or reserve experience. He worked on atomic research and was permitted to go to the Bikini tests in 1946.

While he admitted having been a communist for a brief period as an immigrant youth in this country, both he and his wife strenuously denied any pro-communist affiliations or even sympathies when they appeared before the Tydings committee last year. Mrs. Brunauer had been named by Senator Joseph McCarthy in his charges of communist infiltration of the State Department.

On march 26th, Governor Dewey of New York signed into law a bill designed to keep poor security risks out of N.Y. State "sensitive" defense positions. The law automatically expires June 30, 1952 or with the ending of President Truman's Emergency decree, whichever occurs first. The N. Y. State Civil Service Commission is charged with determining who are poor security risks,

compiling a list of subversive organizations, and deciding which N. Y. State jobs are in the "sensitive" defense category. As usual the AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION was on hand to oppose the bill. The N.Y. Civil Service Employees Association while not objecting to the aim of the legislation, opposed the procedures set up under it.

Opposition now appears to have been unnecessary. Two weeks after the bill was signed, the Civil Service Commission announced that it would not invoke the machinery of the new law unless a state or municipal agency came to it with some specific case of an employee suspected of subversive activity endangering national defense. The Commission also announced that it would not compile a list of security or sensitive positions nor would it draw up any list, as the law directed, of subversive organizations. Looks like a case of the dead letter Callahan Act of Michigan all over again.

The same dismal story of apathy and indifference in facing the menace of subversion and internal morale sabotage was repeated in California where the Third District Court of Appeals at Sacramento threw out as unconstitutional a State Board of Regents loyalty and anti-communist oath prescribed for state college professors and instructors. Even the Board of Regents itself had been split over the question with Governor Warren siding with a minority bitterly opposed to the anti-communist oath. The learned legal opinion and profound reasoning of the three California justices: Paul Peek, Annette Adams, and B. F. Van Dyke is worth quoting from the N.Y. Times news dispatch of April 6.

"The constitutional pledge is the highest loyalty that can be demonstrated by any citizen. The exacting of any other test of loyalty would be anti-ethical (sic) to our fundamental concept of freedom. Any other conclusion would be to approve that which from the beginning of our government has been denounced as the most effective means by which one special brand of political or economic philosophy can entrench and perpetuate itself to the eventual exclusion of all others; the imposition of any more inclusive test would be the forerunner of tyranny and oppression."

The decision, which naturally was received by the communists with joy and acclaim, will presumably be appealed to the California Supreme Court.

The Washington, D. C., Times-Herald recently ran an illuminating series of articles on Harvard and Harvard's Law School as alleged breeding cultures for a whole generation of smart commy lawyers of the type of ALGER HISS, LEE PRESSMAN, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., and many others. The articles charged that several Harvard Law School alumni have become aroused over the situation and have either withheld bequests, or otherwise indicated they were disturbed that their alma mater had become a veritable incubator for red legal luminaries and Stalinist legal hatchetmen. The subversive activities of these college-trained legal goons was fully documented last year in a special article "Terror by Law" written by then National Commander George Craig for the Legion Magazine.

A Massachusetts legislative committee investigating subversive activities in the Bay State ran into a whole nest of recalcitrant and tongue-tied witnesses, a large percentage of which turned out to be old grads from Harvard. The Times-Herald article charged: "The spotlight on communism at Harvard University is currently centered upon the law school. This graduate branch has manufactured more radical legal planners for the government in Washington than any other school and the assembly line is still going strong."

Fred Woltman, tireless exposé of phony red fronts and crypto-Stalinists for the N.Y. World-Telegram, has broken an important story on the alleged suppression of a startling 117 page report on MAXWELL S. STEWART, editor in chief of PUBLIC AFFAIRS PAMPHLETS. The PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, which publishes these pamphlets, is composed of twenty-eight highly reputable educators and others and the pamphlets on government, economics and other subjects have been above question or criticism. The P.A.C., a non-profit organization, has published over 17,000,000 pamphlets on 170 different subjects. They are widely used in state school systems, the Armed Services, and by the Federal government.

Protests and remonstrations questioning the suitability of MAXWELL S. STEWART as editor, according to Woltman, finally forced the Public Affairs Committee to have an inquiry made into Mr. Stewart's reputed fellow-traveller background. A private organization was commissioned to conduct a survey and in due time came back with a 117 page report, Woltman claims. It listed some forty communist front affiliations made by STEWART down through the years. The Scripps-Howard Pulitzer prize-winner then charges that the P.A.C. suppressed the report, retained Mr. Stewart and apparently forced the resignation of one of its Directors, Dr. J. Frederic Dewhurst, who had questioned the propriety of retaining STEWART. Another P.A.C. Director is WILLIAM L. HOLLAND, secretary-general of the INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS, presently under investigation by the Senate McCarran sub-committee on internal security. MAXWELL STEWART edited a series of I.P.R. pamphlets between 1942-48. According to the Woltman article, he was also associated with PHILIP J. JAFFE, of AMERASIA espionage ill-fame, in the early 1930's when they jointly edited CHINA TODAY, a strictly party-line publication, now defunct, which both the California and Massachusetts Legislative committees cited.

N. Y. Supreme Court Justice Henry C. Greenberg has reserved decision on the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER dissolution suit brought by N. Y. State Insurance Superintendent Bohlinger. The hearings lasted nearly three months and developed an interesting picture of communist intrigue and cynical chicanery in setting up an alleged "fraternal and beneficial insurance organization" for out-and-out C.P. objectives. Justice Greenberg indicated that he would require some time to peruse 5,000 pages of testimony and 500 exhibits. Louis Budenz, Paul Crouch, and a number of other former high C.P. functionaries testified against I.W.O. ROCKWELL KENT, the artist, is president of the I.W.O. which operates in some twenty states. A recent House Committee on Un-American Activities publication cited KENT as an undisputed heavy-weight champion joiner

of commy fronts with some 83 affiliations chalked up on his record.

The state of Utah was recently honored (?) by having the Right Rev. ARTHUR W. MOULTON, retired Episcopal bishop, recognized by Soviet Russia as a gold-medal winner in Stalin's "peace" derby. Six other non-Russians received similar recognition as "world peace champions". In addition to gold medals bearing the likeness of the Great and Wise Father of Nations, Josef Djugashvili, alias Stalin, the prize-winners are also granted 100,000 good Soviet rubles. The exact value of 100,000 communist greenbacks is hard to compute in American dollars due to curious Soviet exchange regulations but news reports estimate the prize to be worth around \$25,000 — if collected in Russia. The question is academic as far as the Right Rev. MOULTON is concerned because he announced in Salt Lake City that while he was highly gratified to be the only American to be recognized by Stalin as an outstanding peace proponent, he "could not accept money from any source, either left or right." The Red Dean of Canterbury, alias Hewlett Johnson, was another lucky Stalin gold medallist.

The U. S. Supreme Court unanimously upheld the Constitutionality of the Maryland Ober Act.

The Nimitz Commission on Internal Security and Individual Rights (C.I.S.I.R.) set up recently by President Truman has run afoul of the law. At least four of its members appear to be disqualified from serving until suitable legislation is passed by Congress specifically exempting them from punitive provisions of the Federal "Conflict of Interests" statutes. This body of Federal law prohibits Federal officials from retaining private business connections with companies which deal with the U. S. government or engage in contractual relations with Uncle Sam. There is also a law prohibiting a military officer of the United States, drawing military pay or pension, from taking another Federal job. This affects the Chairman, Fleet Admiral Chester

Nimitz. Law firms, whose members serve on Federal boards or commissions, are prohibited from appearing before any Federal boards, agencies or commissions or filing suits against the U.S. for two years after the termination of such Federal service. This applies to at least two other C.I.S.I.R. members.

C.I.S.I.R. held one meeting and decided that it could not start operations until all members as well as professional staff had been legally exempted by Congress from the provisions of the "Conflict of Interest" statutes. The House of Representatives has passed the necessary legislation but the Senate Judiciary Committee, headed by Chairman Pat McCarran of Nevada, has bottled up the Senate version of the enabling act. Washington newsmen predict that the Nevada veteran Democrat is not going to be in any hurry to unbottle C.I.S.I.R. Meanwhile, six full-time, paid staff members of C.I.S.I.R. twiddle their thumbs in a Washington office watching the hands of the clock.

Representative Charles Kersten of Wisconsin submitted H. Cons. Res. 94 on April 17. The resolution aims at driving a psychologic wedge of proffered American friendship between the enslaved Soviet people and their communist overlords. The Kersten Resolution, while a bit weak in its affirmative clauses is otherwise a powerful indictment of the whole vile Soviet system and is excellently formulated. It is far superior to the MacMahon resolution recently passed by the Senate which carefully avoids attacking the Soviet ruling class and is nothing more than a pious set of empty platitudes. Legionnaires desiring to study the Kersten resolution for possible support at Department convention level should write direct to Rep. Charles Kersten, New House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

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INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE

The Daily Worker crowed recently that Robert Mitchum had been suspended by R.K.O. Pictures for refusing to play in an anti-Soviet film, "High Frontier".

Some smart and patriotic publisher should have Valentine Gonzales' "Life and Death in the Soviet Union" translated from the French and published in the United States. Gonzales, more popularly known as "El Campesino", was a Stalinist division commander in the Spanish Loyalist Army. General Gonzales became a legendary Soviet hero and was one of the last Loyalist generals to flee to Russia when Franco finally won. "El Campesino" was feted and lionized in Russia for a few years until he got a true insight into the nature of his Bolshevik hosts and how they ran the "Workers' Fatherland". Came the inevitable 2 A.M. knock on the door by the G.P.U., the usual phony charges of "counter-revolutionary activity" and the inevitable sentence to Siberia. The story of his escape is sensational and would make a marvelous movie — if Hollywood made that kind of anti-communist picture, which it does not.

The Daily Worker of March 23rd boasts that it has friends on the staff of the New York Times. It smirks that it received a \$5 contribution from a reader of that staid and conservative paper who said he had learned of the Daily Worker's financial plight in the N.Y. Times. The anonymous contributor wrote: "You must have friends on the Times". Moscow's voice of sedition then went on to mockingly thank the Times for "unwittingly and so very unintentionally effectively advertising the Worker's appeal."

The insinuation that the N.Y. Times has a commy cell deeply imbedded in its editorial offices is hardly news. The Stalinists even had their own local shop paper put out regularly in the Times as far back as 20 or more years ago. The Daily Worker's needling is a typical example of commy gratitude for past

" favors and help. During the critical paper shortage of 1944 or 1945, the American Newspaper Publishers Association tapped the august N.Y. Times for sixteen tons of newsprint which was furnished the red rag of East 13th Street in order to keep the "free press of America going."

The NATIONAL FARMERS UNION, at a recent closed meeting in Denver, allegedly yanked the charters of three states, New York, Ohio, and Alabama. The ostensible reason given was that their dues payments had fallen below the constitutional minimum of 1,000 but the commies are beefing privately that the real reason was an internal split over support of the Korean war.

Best laugh of the month. The Daily Worker of April 9th editorialized: "It is a lie that the Communist Party advocates or encourages espionage among its members. On the contrary, the Party's constitution expressly calls for the expulsion of any member engaging in espionage. (Article 8, Section 3.)"

Wow!

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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

There have been several important magazine articles recently on communism and Soviet Espionage. American Mercury for April contains a very fine article by Bradford Huie entitled, "Who Gave Russia the A-bomb?"

The U.S. News and World Report for March 30th, ran an interview with F. B. I. Director J. Edgar Hoover giving his report on the present state of "The Communist Menace in the U.S." The article was illustrated with a map of the 48 states showing the F.B.I.'s count of known communists in each state as well as the territories. Editor David Lawrence's last page editorials on the world crisis and what America must do to face up to the black plague of Soviet

imperialism are about as sound and inspiring as can be found in any of the popular, national magazines.

Nation's Business for April, has a very important article by psychological warfare authority, Paul Linebarger, entitled "Hotfoot for Stalin."

Six very important books have appeared in the last month or two which if effectively plugged and placed in public and school libraries will render a valuable public service in acquainting Americans with the real nature of the enemy. The six following titles will be added to the next revised "Recommended Reading List":

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| "Eleven Years in Soviet Prison Camps" | Elinor Lipper Henry Regnery & Co. | \$3.50 |
| "Neither Three Nor Five" | Helen MacInnes Harcourt Brace | \$3.00 |
| "Under Two Dictators" | Margarete Duber Dodd Mead & Co. | \$4.00 |
| "The Communist Trail in America" | Jacob Spolansky Macmillan | \$3.50 |
| "The New Soviet Empire" | D. J. Dallin Yale Univ. Press | \$3.75 |
| "This Deception" | Hede Massing Duell, Sloan & Pearce | \$3.50 |

Other important anti-communist books will be recommended in the next issue of the Summary as a limited staff has opportunity to review them.

"The Front is Everywhere" by Col. Kintner, Oklahoma Univ. Press, still remains the most important counter-subversive book published in the past six months.

"Eleven Years in Soviet Prison Camps" by a Dutch girl and former school-kid communist easily is the most moving and readable of the above list.

All of these books can be secured through your own American Legion Book Service.

COMMUNISM IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT

The U.A.W., C.I.O. Convention ended with very little opposition to Walter Reuther. This came as a surprise to many inasmuch as local unions had expressed considerable opposition in pre-convention elections.

A reliable source of information who covered the U.A.W. Convention says that the C.P. is in the midst of a reorientation program for the purpose of going completely underground and that any strong opposition would have shown their hand, not only to Reuther, but to the rank and file anti-communists in the U.A.W. As a result of this underground policy, no known communist caucuses were held. This is a complete turn-around from past U.A.W. conventions where C.P. caucuses were known to have been conducted.

Since the inception of the C.I.O., the commies have held open caucuses, and as late as 1948 were successful in getting their program and slate across on the Convention floors. The action of the C.P. at the recent Cleveland U.A.W. Convention should serve as a warning signal to Reuther and all anti-communists in the U.A.W. and the C.I.O. The pre-convention elections which definitely indicated great strength for the communist party, coupled with the fact that they did not exert any pressure or make demands, should forewarn all anti-communists and law enforcement agencies to be ever alert.

The communist party has now gone completely underground. This means that anti-communist unions and their rank and file membership must work with law enforcement agencies to prevent sabotage which will automatically come when the Kremlin so decides that criminal communism must be extended to the United States in full force and under direct control of Moscow.

We would like to point out once more the necessity for rank and file trade unionists to attend and take an active part in the functions of their local and international trade union activities.

Another recent purge to clear the unions of communists resulted in a two-to-one victory by the C.I.O. United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers over the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers in the Imperial Valley and the Yuma Valley last month. By a vote of 1,249 to 640, the workers in the vegetable packing sheds of the two great valleys chose the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers. This is a new union set up after the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural workers were ousted from the C.I.O. in the big purge led by anti-communists that resulted in the ouster of eleven international trade unions.

Time and space prohibit specifically pointing out the individual local unions affiliated with international unions that knowingly or unknowingly assist the communist party of the United States. We hope in the near future to incorporate in the Summary the record of local and international unions which have adhered to the communist party line within the United States.

The C.I.O. has, in all good faith, tried to eliminate communism from its ranks. This is a task that cannot be accomplished from the high echelons of the trade union movement. This is a task that must be dealt with from the rank and file level.

Until such time that the individual trade unionist takes an active interest in the decisions and policies of the union, it will be impossible to drive communism from the trade union movement.

This is an urgent appeal to every individual who feels that the trade unions belong to the American way of life and are worth preserving.

Take an active interest in your local and international trade union activities!

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The following [redacted] excerpts from a certified copy of the minutes of a special meeting of the Board of directors of Wallace Brown, Inc., 225 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, relative to the disposition of an interest in this concern by one Philip J. Jaffe, who has been previously mentioned in the SUMMARY OF TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS:

"I, LOUIS LIVANT, Secretary and Treasurer of WALLACE BROWN, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, do hereby certify that the following is a transcript of the minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the above corporation, held on September 1, 1950 at 3:30 P.M. of that day at which a quorum of the Board of Directors were present throughout:"

"The Chairman stated that this Special Meeting had been called and was being held

(a) to act upon the proposals of Philip J. Jaffe and Agnes N. Jaffe to sell their stock to the corporation;

(b) to act upon the proposal for the cancellation of the employment contracts between this corporation and Hudson Greetings, Inc., its wholly owned subsidiary, with Mr. Philip J. Jaffe.

(c) to receive and act upon the resignation of Mr. Philip J. Jaffe as a Director and officer of this corporation; and

(d) the modification of the existing employment contracts between this corporation and Hudson Greetings, Inc. with Messrs. Samuel Jaffe, Daniel Goldstein and Louis Livant.

"The Chairman stated that after considerable and extended negotiations whereby this corporation would acquire five (5) shares of its common capital stock held by Philip J. Jaffe, and the twenty-five (25) shares of said stock held by Agnes Jaffe, his wife, and Philip J. Jaffe would sever and terminate all connections with this corporation and its subsidiary, Hudson Greetings, Inc., as stockholder, officer, director and employee...."

"He thereupon read to the meeting the contract entered into

between this corporation, its remaining stockholders, and said Philip J. Jaffe and Agnes N. Jaffe. After a discussion was had, it was on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried,

"RESOLVED, that the aforesaid contract for the purchase of stock and severance of relationships between Philip J. Jaffe and this corporation and its wholly owned subsidiary, Hudson Greetings, Inc., be and the same hereby is, in all respects, approved, ratified and confirmed; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the act of the Vice-President of this corporation, in executing said contract for and on behalf and in the name of this corporation, be and the same hereby is, in all respects, approved, ratified and confirmed; and it is further

RESOLVED, that an executed counterpart of the aforesaid contract be annexed to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

"The Chairman stated that the next matter of business was the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Philip J. Jaffe as an officer and Director of this corporation and the election of a Director and officer to fill the vacancy caused by said resignation. After discussion was had, it was on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried,

"RESOLVED, that the resignation of Mr. Philip J. Jaffe as a Director and as the President of this corporation, be and the same hereby is accepted; and it is further

RESOLVED, that said resignation be appended to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting."

"I further certify that the said shares of stock of Wallace Brown, Inc. sold as aforesaid by Philip J. Jaffe and Agnes N. Jaffe to the corporation comprised 5% and 25% respectively of the then issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of the corporation; that said Philip J. Jaffe and Agnes N. Jaffe, his wife, are neither the owners of nor holders of, nor to my knowledge do they have any beneficial interest in any of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of Wallace Brown, Inc.

"I further certify that the aforesaid transaction by which Wallace Brown, Inc. acquired all of the shares of common stock of that corporation theretofore owned by Philip J. Jaffe and Agnes N. Jaffe, his wife, was a bona fide transaction

involving the payment of substantial sums of money in consideration for the acquisition of the stock and relinquishment by said Philip J. Jaffe of his rights pursuant to an unexpired long term contract as an executive of the company at a substantial salary."

The affidavit from which the above excerpts were taken was executed on March 15, 1951.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *DL*

DATE: October 1, 1953

FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*

SUBJECT:

NAT. DATA

I have been informed by the National Adjutant of the American Legion that the annual conference of Department Commanders and Adjutants will take place at Indianapolis on October 12 and 13, 1953. All of the new Commanders from the several states and territorial possessions will be present at the conference in order that plans for the Legion year can be worked out in detail.

I have also been informed that the National Executive Committee of the Legion will meet on October 15, 16 and 17, 1953.

LRP:DC

ADDENDUM: I recommend that Mr. Pennington attend these meetings.

D.M.Ladd

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Mrs. B. D. Ward
National Child Welfare Chairman
The American Legion Auxiliary
777 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

G.I.R.-3

Dear Mrs. Ward:

I certainly appreciate the interest which prompted your letter of October 20, 1953, and want to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations on your appointment as chairman of the National Child Welfare program of The American Legion Auxiliary.

In accordance with your request, it is a pleasure to forward under separate cover some material which your committee may feel free to use at your conference on November 4, 1953.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Mr. M. A. Jones

Under Separate Cover

10 copies each of the following:

Bibliography, Juvenile Delinquency and Crime Control
The Crime Problem

Federal Juvenile Delinquency Act

Juvenile Delinquency (Special Review)

Senate Subcommittee Report on Juvenile Delinquency
(8-16-50) (Referred Comm.)

Crime and the Sunday School

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Sunday School - Key To Tomorrow

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Mrs. B. D. Ward

October 26, 1953

NOTE: Although correspondent's address is listed in Kingwood, West Virginia, she requested that information be forwarded to her in Indianapolis, Indiana

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Honorable Lewis K. Gough
Past National Commander
The American Legion
700 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

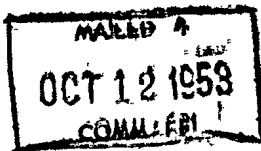
My dear Mr. Gough:

Yesterday I received the beautiful copy of the generous resolution passed by The American Legion at the recent National Convention at St. Louis, and I want you to know of my sincere appreciation.

This kind expression of confidence is indeed heartening. The continuing support of the Legion is a source of great encouragement for all of us in the FBI, and we are profoundly grateful.

Please convey to all concerned our heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Inspector Pennington advises that he has personal knowledge that Mr. Gough will be at the National Headquarters during the coming week. He also suggests that the second line of the address as used above be included. It will be recalled that in the past the Bureau has addressed National Commanders of the Legion as "Honorable." No record could be found in Bufiles that Mr. Gough had previously been written concerning this.

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October 8, 1953

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[Handwritten signature: J. Edgar Hoover]

CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

Box 181
Kingwood, W. Va.
Oct. 20, 1953

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

American Legion - NATIONAL

It is my good fortune to be appointed to head the Child Welfare program of the American Legion Auxiliary. I am sure that you are familiar with the basic program.

There are two phases that I hope to be able to place special emphasis on this year and it is about these two that I am writing you. Juvenile Delinquency and the obscene literature that is made available to children throughout the country over the news stands.

My committee will meet in Indianapolis, Oct 25, to lay plans for the work this year, and this will be followed on Nov 4 th by our first conference in Portland, Oregon.

Won't you share with me and thoughts you may have on either subject that might help us to build a strong program? I will appreciate suggestions that might be used down on the unit level. I could also use any figures you have on the different phases of delinquency. Printed material that might be of use to the ten members my committee.

In other words what can we do to cooperate with your department and with the agencies in other parts of the country.

Any information or material that you might have will reach me at the National Headquarters of the American Legion Auxiliary, 777 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis 7 Indiana.

Sincerely yours

Ruby B. Ward
Mrs. B. D. Ward
National Child Welfare Chairman
The American Legion Auxiliary
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